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Old national bank, Grand Rapids



# FOREWORD

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THIS little "Dictionary of Grand Rapids" has been prepared in response to a demand for a small, concise volume containing the answers to questions which are constantly arising regarding matters of general interest. The information it contains was secured through the Municipal Affairs Committee of the Board of Trade, which maintains a Reference Bureau designed to supply information along civic and social lines.

Being a first attempt, this dictionary will undoubtedly be found lacking in some respects. The Old National Bank and the Municipal Affairs Committee will be glad to receive any suggestions that may tend to make future editions more valuable.

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The Old National Bank

# Old National Bank's Dictionary of Grand Rapids and Vicinity

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**Advertisers Club, Grand Rapids**—The Advertisers Club was organized November 5th, 1907. Its purpose is to further the interests of the city in ways that will call favorable attention to the city. It held the first civic pageant June 9th, 1909. It is now working on another for this year. Membership about 200. Dues \$3.00, initiation \$2.00.

President, C. O. Lancaster;  
Vice President, W. D. Bishop;  
Treasurer, Geo. W. Fortier;  
Secretary, J. Frank Quinn.

## Aldermen

Ward		Term Expires
1	John J. Fallon, 423 S. Ionia Street	May 1, 1912
1	Cornelius Schram 159 Oakland Ave.	" " 1911
2	John McNabb, 392 Fountain Street	" " 1912
2	Frank C. Steinmann, 110 Grand Avenue	" " 1911
3	John H. Hosken, 634 Cherry Street	" " 1912
3	Wm. H. Kinsey, 31 Charles Street	" " 1911
4	Wm. DeBoer 88 Brainard Street	" " 1912
4	Eugene F. Smith, 326 N. College Avenue	" " 1911

5	Isaac Appel, 210 Taylor Street	" " 1912
5	Gustav Oswald, 85 Carrier Street	" " 1911
6	James Mol, 43 Courtney Street	" " 1912
6	Edward A. Connelly, 391 N. Front Street	" " 1911
7	Wm. Hensler, 82 N. Jefferson Street	" " 1912
7	Joseph Emmer, 56 Broadway	" " 1911
8	Chas. L. Brown, 365 Straight Street	" " 1912
8	John Wygmans, 209 Chatham Street	" " 1911
9	Casper M. Droste, 171 S. Jefferson Street	" " 1912
9	Joseph Renihan, 315 W. Broadway	" " 1911
10	Louis B. Saunders, 151 Terrace Avenue	" " 1912
10	John G. Huizenga, 456 S. College Avenue	" " 1911
11	John F. Kelley, 755 Fifth Avenue	" " 1912
11	Stuart E. Johnson, 314 Eighth Avenue	" " 1911
12	Fred P. Geib, 929 Stewart Avenue	" " 1912
12	Adrian DeYoung, 524 Sheridan Street	" " 1911

**Amusements** — Reeds Lake—Swimming, boating, skating, ice yachting. North Park—Boating,

swimming, dancing. John Ball Park—Largest public park, contains the city zoo. Lake Michigan Resorts—Jenison Park, Macatawa Park, Ottawa Beach, Spring Lake, Grand Haven, Lake Michigan Park, Black Lake. See "Interurban Railroads." "Lake Resorts," Boating. Golf—2 clubs, Kent Country and Highland. Theatres—Powers, Majestic, Temple, Garrick, Ramona at Reed's Lake in summer. Vaudeville and many special entertainment features. Plainfield, Cascade Springs. West Michigan State Fair.

**Anti-Tuberculosis Society, The Grand Rapids**—This, the first Anti-Tuberculosis Society in Michigan, was organized on March 3d, 1905 by a committee of the Charity Organization Society.

The Society employs a visiting nurse who acts under the supervision of Mrs. Flora Nieman, Superintendent of the District Nurses Association. The Society also maintains a free clinic where those unable to pay for medical attendance may consult physicians free of charge and if found to be suffering from tuberculosis, receive free treatment. Office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 1 P. M., Charities Building, Park Street.

President, John W. Blodgett;  
Treasurer, L. Z. Caukin;  
Secretary, John Ihlder.

**Apartment Houses**—The rent of "Flats" with no conveniences varies from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per month. "Apartments" such as the Iowa and Half Century, rent for \$40.00 including heat and janitor service.

**Asylums**—See Hospitals etc.

**Ashes and Garbage**—Removed by board of Health.

**Automobiles**—Automobiles for hire at; Austin Automobile Co., 102 S. Division St.; Beelby Supply Co. 39-45 Fountain St.; C. J. Bronson, 42-50 Kent St., Buick Motor Co., N. Ottawa St.; Continental Automobile Co., 93-99 Jefferson Ave.; W. S. Farrant, 87-89-91 N. Division St.; Central Auto Co., 160-162 N. Ionia St.; W. D. Vandecar, 157 N. Ottawa St.; A. N. Albee, 9 Crescent Ave. Rates, \$5.00 for first hour, \$2.50 for each succeeding hour.

**Baggage**—Regular rates are; For one piece of baggage within a mile and a half from Union Station, \$.25; greater distance, \$.50. Among the baggage and transfer companies may be mentioned; Columbian Transfer Co., 15-19 N. Market St.; Doyle Storage & Transfer Co., 10 S. Ionia St.; Golden & Boter Transfer Co., 27-31 N. Market St.; Helmus Bros., 843 Wealthy Ave.; Meyer Transfer Co., 159 E. Fulton St.; Reliable Transfer Co., 94-108 S. Ionia St.; Security Transfer Co., 87 Kent St.; Star Baggage Line, 104 Oakes St.; Stonehouse Carting Co., 11-13 Canal St.; Willis Transfer Co., 64½ S. Ionia St.  
[See Hacks.]

## Bands and Orchestras

Bistline's Orchestra,	155 Henry St.
Joseph Bistline, Leader	
Butcher's Orchestra	770 LaBelle Ave.
Marvin Butcher, Leader	
Clement's Orchestra	390 Wealthy Ave.
O. G. Clement, Leader	
Evening Press Newsboy's Band	
	E. Fulton St.
J. Wesley Lafferty, Leader	
Force's Orchestra	30 Canal St.
Wilbur Force, Leader	

- Furniture City Band 202 W. Broadway  
Frank Wurzburg, Leader
- Grand Rapids Letter Carrier's Band  
Organized March 16, 1899  
Office, 24 Canal St.
- Graversen's Orchestra 14 N. Front St.  
Hjalmar Graversen, Leader
- Guthan's Orchestra Office, 30 Canal St.  
Jos. Guthan, Jr., Leader
- Heald's Orchestra 30 Canal St.  
Edgar G. Heald, Leader
- Hibernian Band 24 Canal St.  
J. W. Lafferty, Director
- Hills' Concert Orchestra 88 N. Ottawa St.  
Birney J. Hills, Director
- Polish Military Band 211 Michigan Ave.  
Andrew Kubasiak, Leader
- Powers Opera House Orchestra 30 Canal St.  
Christian Schmidt, Leader
- Ramona Band & Orchestra 44 Julia St.  
W. W. Wilkins, Mgr.
- St. Aloysious Young Men's Society Band,  
24 Canal St.  
J. W. Lafferty, Director
- Stamp's Orchestra 258 W. Bridge St.  
F. M. Stamp, Leader
- Tuller's Orchestra 500 Grandville Ave.  
Clyde E. Tuller, Leader
- Valley City Band 131 Michigan St.  
F. A. Thomas, Leader
- Woodman's Band 120 Thompson Ct.  
Frederich Cutchinski, Leader

**Banks**—City Trust & Savings, 134 Monroe St., \$100,000 Capital; Commercial Savings, Canal & Michigan Ave., \$200,000 Capital; Fourth National Bank, Pearl & Monroe Sts. \$300,000 Capital; Grand Rapids National, 74 Monroe St., \$500,000 Capital; Grand Rapids Savings, Monroe & Ionia Sts., \$150,000 Capital; Kent State, N. Ottawa St., \$500,000 Capital; Madison Square, 712 Madison Ave., \$13,000 Capital; Michigan Trust Co., Capital \$200,000; Michigan Exchange Private Bank, Capital \$30,000; National City, Pearl and Monroe Streets, \$600,000 Capital; Old National, 1 Canal St., \$800,000 Capital; People's Savings, Monroe & Ionia Sts., \$100,000 Capital; South Grand Rapids

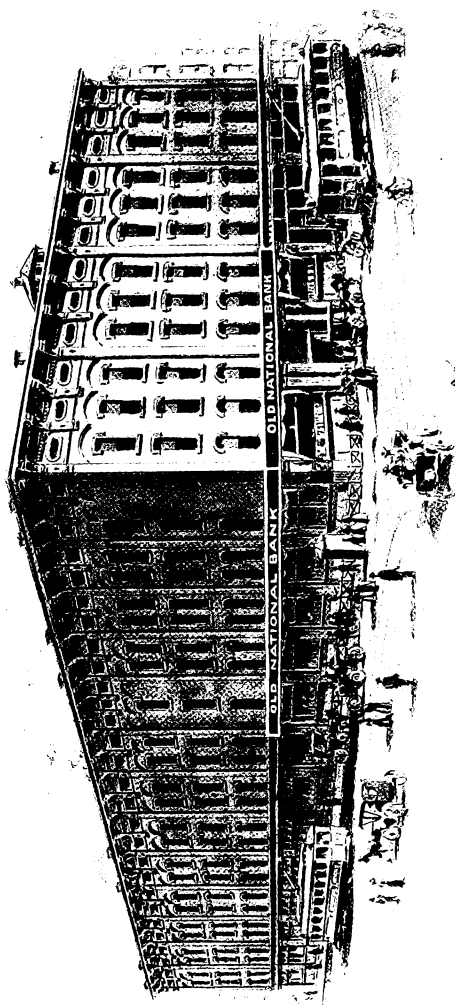
State, 1264 S. Division St., \$25,000 Capital; Grand Rapids Clearing House Association, 303 Fourth National Bank Bldg., Total Capital—\$3,518,000.

**Baseball**—Manager, Joe Raidy, Columbus, Ohio. Games are played at Ramona Athletic Park. Central League; Wheeling, Zanesville, Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Terre Haute, Evansville, Dayton, and Grand Rapids. Won pennant in 1905. Owners last year were Philip Arnold and Bert Annis of South Bend Ind. Evansville won pennant in 1908. Wheeling won pennant in 1909. Players: Sheehan, 3b; Raidy, ss; McNiece, rf; Kahl, 2nd; Tieman, c; Kihm, 1b; Kehoe, cf; Holt, lf; Cook, p.

**Bissell House**—A Neighborhood Center 425 N. Ottawa St., Established 1891. Outgrowth of the free kindergarten. Erected by Mrs. M. R. Bissell who gave the use of it as long as it is used for its present purpose. It maintains clubs and classes. Its object is to promote a higher moral standard. It has no creed backing and is broad and liberal. There are five to seven resident workers. President, Mr. C. S. Udell; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. H. C. Rindge; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. M. R. Bissell; 3rd Vice-president, Mr. W. E. Tallmadge, 4th Vice President, Mrs. Morris Friedman, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Haggerty, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Viola Irwin; Head resident, Mrs. Ilda Wilson.

**Boarding Houses**—Many in the city. List may be obtained from the city directory.





THE OLD NATIONAL BANK AND HOTEL PANTLIND

**Board of Trade**—The object of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade, as stated in its constitution, is "to promote integrity and good faith, just and equitable principles of business, to discover and correct abuses; to establish and maintain uniformity in commercial usages, to prevent or adjust controversies and misunderstandings which may arise between persons engaged in trade; to secure the location of all kinds of manufacturing interests; to solicit the investment of local and foreign capital and generally to foster, protect and advance the commercial, mercantile, manufacturing, real estate and municipal interests of the city and its surroundings."

The association is financially supported by the payment of \$10.00 annual dues. The membership is over 1,100. Heber A. Knott, president. The secretary of the Board of Trade is the executive officer and devotes his entire time to the furtherance of its interests. Clarence A. Cotton, Secretary.

**Boating**—Reeds Lake, reached by Wealthy-Taylor, Wealthy-Scribner, Cherry-Shawmut cars, 25 minutes ride from Monroe St. Grand River, South of Wealthy Ave. and at North Park, which is reached by Wealthy-Taylor cars, 20 minutes ride from Campau Square.

**Books of Reference about Grand Rapids**—City Directory, City Manual, City Plan Report, Goss' Histories of Grand Rapids, Baxter's History of Grand Rapids, Everett's History of Grand Rapids, Telephone Directories.

**Building & Loan Companies**—Grand Rapids Mutual Building &

Loan Ass'n, 106-108 Widdicomb Bldg.; Mutual Home & Savings Ass'n, 88 N. Ottawa St.; Peninsula Building & Loan Association, 333 Michigan Trust Bldg.; Standard Savings & Loan Association of Detroit, Mich., 16-18 Wonderly Bldg.; Valley City Building & Loan Association, 311 Fourth National Bank Building; West Side Building & Loan Ass'n, 68 West Bridge St.

**Business Colleges**—McLachlan Business University, 19-25 S. Division St., Established in 1892 Between six and seven hundred students during year.; Valley City Commercial School, 75-83 Lyon St., Established in 1866, 150 students.

**Cemeteries**—Fair Plains-Knapp Ave.— $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of Plainfield Ave., Calvin E. Alexander, sexton, 24 acres, controlled by stock company; Fulton St.—Cor. Fulton and East St., John Ringold, sexton, 40 acres, controlled by stock company; Garfield Park—Kalamazoo Ave. and P. M. R. R., Lewis N. Fisher, Supt., 25 acres, controlled by stock company; Greenwood—W. Leonard St. near city limits. Under charge of Cemetery Commissioners, Eugene V. Goebel Supt., Thomas Sowerby, sexton, 80 acres, controlled by city; Mt. Calvary—Between W. Leonard and Walker Ave., Rev. Joseph Schrembs, supt., Louis Siegel, sexton 17 acres. Roman Catholic; Soldier's Home—North Park; Oak Hill—Between Union and East Sts., north and south of Hall St., entrance on Hall St., under charge of Cemetery Commissioners. Eugene V. Goebel, supt., 80 acres, controlled by city; St. Andrew's—Madison Ave., between Prince and Jones Sts. Rev. J. A. Schmitt, supt., Thomas Luxford, sexton, Catholic. 10 acres. Washington

Park—Cor. West and North Sts., Jacob J. Modderman, sexton, 40 acres, controlled by stock company.

**Charity Organization Society**  
23 Park St. Established 1903. Carried on by subscriptions. Summer Vacation Work. Cottage at Ottawa Beach for mothers and convalescents. Officers are:

Pres., L. T. Wilmarth;  
1st Vice Pres., John B. Martin;  
2nd Vice Pres., O. H. L. Wernicke;  
Treas., Geo. B. Daniels;  
Registrar, Emma Field;  
Sect'y, Clara E. Kummer.

**Chimes**—St. Andrew's Cathedral. 10 bells. Put up in 1909. Each of these bells bears the name of a saint and was the gift of an association or of an individual.

**Churches**—There are 120 church buildings. 22 different denominations. Strongest are the Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian. Largest churches in center of city. Morning service in most churches at 10:30 and evening services at 7:30 in summer and 7:00 in winter.

Baptist—Berean—N. Coit Ave., no pastor; Burton Ave.—Corner Burton and Horton Aves., Rev. Edgar L. Killam, pastor; Calvary—Cor. Sixth Ave. and Ionia St., Rev. H. H. Ford, pastor; Fountain Street—Cor. Fountain and Bostwick Sts., Rev. Alfred W. Wishart, pastor; Holland—Quarry St., near W. Leonard St., Rev. Douwe Laansma, pastor; Messiah—[African] Henry St. near Logan St., Rev. S. Henri Browne, pastor; Reeds Lake—Cor. Lake and Croswell Aves., no pastor; Scribner Street—Scribner

St., near Leonard St., Rev. W. H. Palmer, Pastor; Second—Cor. Gold and California Sts., Rev. Alanson W. Brown, pastor; Swedish Cor. Sibley and Gold Sts., Rev. Peter Eljenholm, pastor; Wealthy Avenue—Wealthy Ave., cor. S. East St., Rev. O. W. Van Osdel, pastor.

Catholic—Rt. Rev. Joseph Richter, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Home, 165 Sheldon St. Church of the Holy Name, Godfrey Ave., Rev. Thomas J. Reid, pastor; Sacred Heart Church [Polish], S. Valley and Park Aves., Rev. Ladislaus Krakowski, pastor; St. Adelbert's [Polish], Cor. Fourth and Davis St., Rev. Casimir Skory, pastor; Rev. Francis J. Piaskowski, asst. pastor; St. Alphonsus', cor. Carrier and N. Coit Ave., Rev. Joseph F. Firle, pastor; Revs. Geo. A. Breffeil, John B. McGeough, Henry Mierrer and John J. Matthews, assts.; St. Andrew's Cathedral—Cor. Sheldon and Maple Sts., Rt. Rev. J. A. Schmitt, pastor, Rev. Edward J. Jewell, asst.; St. Antonius—Hamilton St., Rev. Anthony Eickelmann, pastor; St. Isidor's—[Polish], 418 N. Diamond St., Rev. Maryan Matkowski, pastor; St. James—W. Bridge St., Rev. Robert W. Brown, pastor, Rev. Daniel Hyland, asst.; St. Joseph's—[Holland] Rumsey St., Rev. Edmund Kaiser, pastor; St. Mary's—[German] cor. First and Turner Sts., Rev. Monsignor Joseph Schrembs, pastor, Rev. Innocent Dressel, asst.; S. S. Peter and Paul—[Lithuanian], Quarry St., Rev. W. V. Matulaitis, pastor.

Congregational—East—238 School St., Rev. Geo. H. Hancock, pastor; Park—E. Park Place, Rev. Edwin W. Bishop, pastor; Plymouth—Cor. Fifth Ave. and Dolbee St., Rev. A. H. Stoneman, pastor; Sec-

ond—Cor. Plainfield Ave. and Grove St., Rev. S. T. Morris, pastor; Smith Memorial—Cor. Finney and Wealthy Ave., Rev. Herbert McConnell, pastor; South—Cor. Central Ave. and Eight Ave., Rev. C. O. Grieshaber, pastor; Swedish Mission—39 Broadway, Rev. Oscar G. Larson, pastor; Wallin Memorial—Cor. First St. and Pine St., Rev. John T. Husted, pastor.

Episcopal—Rt. Rev. John N. McCormick, Bishop of Western Michigan, office, St. Marks' Parish House, Home, 285 E. Fulton St. Church of the Good Shepherd—Cor. Michigan and College Aves.; Grace—Cor. Lafayette and Cherry Sts., Rev. Francis R. Godolphin, Rector; St. John's—Cor. Central and Highland Aves.; St. Luke's Mission—W. Broadway and Veto Sts., Rev. L. R. Vercoe, rector; St. Mark's—[Pro-Cathedral] N. Division St., Rev. Roger H. Peters, Dean; St. Paul's Memorial—Turner St., Rev. L. R. Vercoe, rector.

Hebrew Synagogues—Temple Beth Israel—Ottawa St., Rev. Abraham Rosenthal, rabbi; Temple Emmanuel—Cor. Ransom and Fountain Sts., Rev. Emanuel Kahn, rabbi.

Lutheran—Bethesda Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran—N. Front St., Ole J. Holtan, pastor; German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel—Cor. Michigan Ave. and Division St., Rev. C. J. T. Frincke, pastor, Rev. Otto C. A. Boecler, Asst. pastor; Norsk Evangelical Lutheran—Cor. W. Broadway and Veto Sts., Rev. F. A. T. Corneliusen, pastor; St. John's German Lutheran—12 Mt. Vernon St., Rev. F. Robert Schrieber, pastor; Swedish Evangelical Lutheran—Court St. and Blumrich Ave., Rev. Carl A. Eckstrom, pastor; Trinity [English] cor. Crescent Ave.

and Bostwick St., Rev. Henry C. Roehner, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal—Arnett Chapel [African], 205 S. Commerce St., Rev. J. M. Evans, pastor; Clark—Sherman St., opp. Norwood Ave., no pastor; Division Street—Cor. Division and Fountain Sts., Rev. G. H. Birney, pastor; Epworth—Lafayette and Trowbridge Sts., Rev. M. A. Drauand, pastor; Burton Heights Methodist—Cor. Burton and Horton Aves. Rev. Alvin O. Carman, pastor; German—Scribner and Second Sts., Rev. Elias Roser, pastor; Joy Memorial—Broadway, Rev. John A. DeGraff, pastor; Plainfield Avenue—Cor. Plainfield and Spencer Aves., Rev. Chas. Nease, pastor; St. Paul's—Tenth Ave., Rev. James R. Wooton, pastor; Second Street—Second and Turner Sts., Rev. Lamdert E. Lennox, pastor; Trinity—S. East St., Rev. Russell H. Bready, pastor; Zion—[African]—Cor. Fifth Ave. and Thompson Court, Rev. S. W. Weller pastor.

Miscellaneous—Bradford Street Mission—Bradford St.; Burton Avenue Mission—560 Burton Ave.; Christian Missionary Alliance—200 Michigan Ave.; City Rescue Mission—N. Market St., Rev. Melvin Trotter, supt.; Gospel Hall, 272 N. College Ave.; Home Mission—916 Burton Ave.; Kent St. Mission—44 Kent St.; Salvation Army—62-64 Pearl St.; Seventh Day Adventist—22 Cass Ave., Rev. James M. Wilbur, pastor; Volunteers of America—156 Kent St., Capt. E. Stockwell in charge.

Presbyterian—First—Cor. First and Scribner Streets, no pastor; Immanuel—Madison Ave., opp. Oakdale Ave. Rev. Geo. F. Arnold, pastor; Third—West Broadway between Watson and

Butterworth Ave., Rev. Carl Longbrake, pastor; Westminster—Island and LaGrave Sts., Rev. R. H. Hartley, pastor.

Scientist—First Church of Christ—Cor. Washington and Lafayette Sts., Percival B. Garvey and Agnes F. Chalmers, readers. In connection with and under the auspices of the church is a reading room, open from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. daily except Sunday.

Unitarian—Holland Unitarian, N. Ionia and Michigan Ave., Rev. B. A. VanSluyters, pastor.

Universalist—All souls—Sheldon and Oakes Sts., Rev. Howard B. Bard, pastor.

**City Officers** — Executive — Mayor, Geo. E. Ellis, term 1910-1912; Mayor's Secretary, Catherine Donahue; City Clerk, James Schriever, term 1909-1911; Deputy Clerk, James M. Sheehan; Index Clerk, Bessie A. Powers; Bookkeeper, Jacob VanWingen.

Legal Department — City Attorney, Moses Taggart, term 1910-1912; First Asst. City Attorney, Raymond M. Ferguson; Second Asst. City Attorney, Clark E. Higbee.

Auditing Department — Comptroller, George P. Tilma, term 1909-1911; Deputy Comptroller, Rudolph Doornink; Bookkeeper, Sienus DeVries; Journal Clerk, Wm. Theo. Borst; Accounts Clerk, Geo. Burgess; General Clerk, John Slager.

Treasury Department — Treasurer, Oscar Kilstrom, term 1909-1911; Asst. Treasurer, James S. Hawkins; Chief Clerk, Chas. M. Anderson; Bookkeeper, Egdar C. Stiles; Abstract Clerk, Fred G. Spencer; Water Clerk, Gerrit Lepink; Tax Title Clerk, M. Ander-

son; Clerk, John R. Creagan.

Building Inspector—George I. Davidson; Clerk, Henry Bednark.

Supt. of Market—Wm. R. McLeod

Board of Public Works—President, Henry J. Klevorn, term 1906-1911; Edward H. Christ, term 1907-1912; S. J. Hufford, term 1908-1913; Chas. E. Norton, term 1909-1914; C.W. Merritt, term 1910-1915; Secretary and General Manager, Samuel A. Freshney; Deputy Secretary and Chief Inspector, Adolph Wurzburg; Chief Clerk, Jas. A. Kinney; Bookkeeper, Burton L. Ruhlman; Financial Bookkeeper, Florence M. Rowson; Asst. Financial Bookkeeper, Wm. Dempsey; Record Clerk and Stenographer, Mazie L. O'Connor; Bookkeeper, Wm. A. Riley; Asst. Bookkeeper, J. Leslie Kent; Clerks, Frank V. Smith and Harry Inman; Addressograph Clerk, Arthur Tournell.

Engineering Department—City Engineer, Louis D. Cutcheon; Asst. City Engineer, Francis G. Wendell; Asst. Engineer, J. C. Ginn; Chief Clerk, Perry Gray; Field Engineer, C. A. Paige; Field Engineer, Clarence K. Whiting; Draftsman, R. E. Harrison; Chemical Engineer, Harry G. Whitman; Sidewalk and Pole Inspector, Thomas J. Gleason; Transitman, E.B. Adams; Asst. Const. Engineer, O. W. Zelt; Draftsman, H. A. Hoxie; Draftsman, A. Seys; Asst. Draftsman, Isaac R. Blanchard, J. DeKorn; Transitman, Frederick W. Mueller; Transitman, Wm. D. Ogden; Transitman, Robert M. Harper; Rodmen, W. J. Klevorn and J. R. Quinn; Permit Clerk, E. H. Vandenberg; Stenographer, M. E. Allen; Tracer, Frank Smith

Highway Department—First Dis-

trict, Henry Houman, Commissioner; Second District, Joseph C. Salisbury, Commissioner; Third District—Wm. Walsh, Commissioner.

Smoke Prevention Department, Smoke Inspector, Louis C. Towner. [See Smoke Prevention].

City Lighting Department—Chief Engineer, Samuel Croop.

City Repair Shops—Foreman, John H. Todd.

City Pumping Station—Chief Engineer, Wm. M. Gormley.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners — President, Daniel Lynch, term 1906-1911; J. C. Shinkman, 1907-1912; Samuel S. Walker, term 1908-1913; W. B. Weston, 1910-1915; Secretary, Harley W. Nelson; Stenographer and Asst. Secretary, Anna L. McCarthy.

Police Department—Supt. of Police, Harvey O. Carr; Captain, Dennis Millaley; Ex-Captain, John Johnson; Lieutenant, Thos. Howell; First Sergeant, James Whelan; Second Sergeant, John Conlon; Third Sergeant, Simon F. Steckle; Detective, Cornelius Gast; Detective, W. Youngs; Detective, Alex McDonald; Detective, Peter Viergever; Detective, Warren Sturgis; Detective, Gerit Doyle; Truant Officer, Frank B. Fee; Bertillion Operator, Fred W. Weber; Supt. Signal System, Fred M. Ruck; Office Clerk, Milo B. Gilman, Office Clerk, Vernon Twynning; Pound Master, Patrick Malone; Sealer of Weights and Measures, Carl A. Atwood; Janitor Police Hdqts., Peter Esch; Matron Police Hdqts., Charlotte Collier.

Fire Department—Fire Marshall, Henry Lemoin; Asst. Fire Marshall, H. C. Bettinghouse; Chief of Battalion, D. B. Walker; Municipal Inspector, George Cotton; Clerk Electrical Dept., John H. O'Connor.

Board of Assessors—President,

Geo. R. Perry, term 1909-1911; Secretary, Gerrit H. DeGraaf, term 1909-1912; Treasurer, C. F. Merryfield, term 1910-1913; Chief Clerk, Simon Sullivan; Clerks: Chas. E. Davis; Jacob A. Smits; Wm. Crewe; Chas. Goudzwaard; Wm. Dooge; Arthur R. Blair.

Board of Health and Poor Commissioners, President, Mack H. Dolphin, term 1906-1911; Louis A. Roller, M. D., term 1907-1912; Henry E. Locher, term 1908-1913; Henry Heystek, term, 1909-1914; F. D. Vos, Jr., term 1910-1915; Member Ex-officio, Geo. E. Ellis, Mayor; Secretary, Charles Carpenter.

Health Department—Health Officer and Executive Officer of the Health Dept., Dr C. C. Slemmons; Dr L. H. Gilleland, School Examiner.

Food, Meat and Mill Inspector, Eldon Smith, D. V. S.; Plumbing Inspector, Henry Griffin; Asst. Plumbing Inspector, Frank Ley; Bacteriologist, Alden Williams, M. D.; Supt. Garbage Collection Dept. and Garbage Crematory, Geo. Fottrell; Supt. of Contagious Disease Hospitals, Miss Mable Mohrhaus, Clerk, Geo. A. Haines; Bookkeeper, Miss Belle W. Downie; Stenographer, Miss Irma Gunn; Clerk, Miss Marguerite Diver, Clerk, Miss Catherine Donahue; Clerk, Garbage Collection Dept., Miss Margaret Messer.

Poor Department—Supt. of Poor and Executive Officer of the Poor Department, Leonard DePager, acting supt.; City Physician, Ralph Apted, M. D.; Clerk, Harry Harris.

Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners—President, Geo. E. Ellis; Secretary, James Schriver; Treasurer, Oscar E. Kilstrom; Geo. P. Tilma, Joseph Renihan, B. P. Snitseler, Harry T. Baldwin.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners—President, Lester J. Rindge, term expires 1911; Frank E. Pulte, term expires 1912; Wm. R. McLeod, term expires 1913; John P. Hayes, term expires 1914; Heman G. Barlow, term expires 1915; Member Ex-Officio, Geo. E. Ellis, Mayor; Secretary, Creyton J. Post; General Supt., Eugene V. Goebel; Asst. Supt., Oak Hill Cemetery, Leon S. raves; Asst. Supt., Greenwood emetry, Thomas Sowerby.

Board of Estimates—Mayor, Geo. E. Ellis; City Clerk, James Schriver; Comptroller, Geo. P. Tilma; Committee on Ways and Means, Joseph Renihan, Gus Oswald; Citizen Members, Geo. Rogers, S. Wesselius and Simon Sullivan.

Board of Library Commissioners President, John S. Lawrence, term expires 1912; Secretary, Victor M. Tuthill, term expires 1915; Gustave A. Wolf, term expires 1911; Geo. G. Whitworth, term expires 1913; Julius A. J. Friedrich, term expires 1914; Supt. of Schools, Wm. A. Greeson.

Board of Education—President, Mark Norris, term 1909-1912; Vice President, Geo. A. Davis, term 1910-1913; Clay H. Hollister, term 1910-1913; Berton A. Spring, term 1910-1913; John A. McColl, term 1908-1911; Mrs. Geo. P. Wanty, term 1908-1911; Ben M. Corwin, term 1909-1912; James M. Crosby, term 1909-1912; Rev. T. W. Muilenburg, term 1909-1912.

Educational Department—Supt. of Schools, Wm. A. Greeson; Asst. Supt. of Schools, Therese Townsend, (Mrs.); Clerk to Supt., Kate L. Baldwin; Clerk to Supt., Gertrude C. Blanchard; Clerk Telephone Exchange, Lena Dettman.

Business Department—Secretary and Business Manager, Thos. D.

Perry; Asst. to Business Manager, G. C. Kortsier; Correspondence Clerk, H. T. O'Neil; Supply Clerk, Roy Cunningham.

Salaries of City Officials—Mayor, \$2,000; Mayor's Secretary, \$1,000; Aldermen [24], \$350; City Clerk, \$2,500; Deputy City Clerk, \$1,200; City Treasurer, \$2,500; Deputy City Treasurer, \$1,500; City Comptroller, \$2,500; City Attorney, \$3,000; Asst. City Attorney, \$1,500; Second Asst. City Attorney, \$1,200; Laborers, per day, \$1.75; Building Inspector, \$1,500; Supt. of Market, \$1,000; Secretary and General Manager Board of Public Works, \$4,000. For salaries of other city officials see the City Manual.

Bonded City Offices—City Depository, \$1,000,000; Treasurer, \$100,000; Clerk, \$5,000; Comptroller, \$5,000; Clerk of Superior Court, \$10,000; Clerk of Police Court, \$2,000; Deputy Clerk of Police Court, \$2,000; Clerk of Justice Courts, \$2,000.

**City Plan Report**—In the fall of 1907 Mayor Ellis, at the request of the common council, appointed a City Plan Commission composed of the following: Heman G. Barlow, Chairman; Charles Fink; John B. Martin; Rt. Rev. John N. McCormick; Thos. D. Perry; Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph Schrembs; Jacob Steketee; Charles Wilson; Van A. Wallin; John Ihlder, Secretary.

The following spring the council included in the budget \$1,750 to enable the Commission to employ expert advisers and publish a report. The Commission employed John M. Carrere and Arnold W. Brunner of New York, who have been engaged in similar work in Cleveland, Baltimore, Washington, Hartford and

other cities. The report was issued in May, 1909. The total expenses of the Commission were only \$1,500, the balance being turned back into the city treasury.

The gist of the Commission's report was as follows:—The City Plan Map prepared shows the existing and proposed parks and parkways and important through streets which should be widened to from 80 to 100 feet, civic center, as well as the proposed parkway and boulevard along the west side of the river from below Fulton Street, with gap between the power dam and 6th Street, to Grand Trunk R. R. crossing.

Grand Rapids is fortunate in having the basis of a good street system in such radiating thoroughfares as Alpine, Walker, Stocking and Butterworth, with their connecting link, Jefferson Street, on the west side, and Canal, Plainfield, Lake, Kalamazoo, Oakdale, Madison, Jefferson, Division, Market and Godfrey, all leading to Monroe Street on the east side.

These streets are destined to be the chief traffic carriers of the city, and they should be widened to accommodate the traffic. This may be done with least trouble and expense by setting the building line for new buildings back, so the whole street will gradually be improved without the necessity of tearing down, which will arise if the improvement is long delayed.

The east and west side systems of main traffic carriers are connected by Bridge, Pearl and Fulton Streets, whose present width is not great enough for the traffic they will some day bear.

In the southern part of the city, just where it is needed as a main cross-thoroughfare, lies what would be, except for the jog now being

made, the through street Ridge-Dickinson Ave. By an easily made extension through the Silver Creek valley, this street should be carried to Reed's Lake, affording easy communication between the east and west in the widest part of the city.

Grand Rapids is even more fortunate in its natural park lands than it is in its street system. Carrier Creek, Coldbrook, Silver and Plaster Creeks all afford natural parking at places most valuable to the people. The hillsides on the west and those at the north end reservoir, when joined to the brook valleys, will give us a beautiful park system serving every part of the city. Moreover, these lands, which are most valuable for parks are least valuable for building sites.

Around Reed's Lake and along the west bank of the river are opportunities for parkways and boulevards.

The Civic Center is already begun by Fulton Street Park and the library. Additional land on the block south should be secured as it comes into the market, and Monroe Street should be carried through to State Street.

Grand Rapids is far behind most progressive cities in the proportion of park area to population. [See parks].

At the end of the report are the following recommendations which involve either no expenditure of money or of very little at a time. They may therefore be adopted at once, so that we may immediately begin to enjoy their benefits. These are the limitation of building heights to one and one-half times the width of the street, the acceptance of brook valleys and hillsides as parks and parkways, the improvement of housing conditions, the creation of a per-



manent city plan commission, an ordinance authorizing the widening of the streets specified, the adoption of a policy which will secure us wide main thoroughfares in the district outside the present city limits and the adoption of a financial policy coincident with the proposed improvements.

**Civic Center**—The City Plan Commission recommended the development of the district about Fulton Street Park as a civic center where public buildings should be grouped, for the following reasons:—

1. It is the real civic center of the city.

2. It offers the best opportunity for dignified and beautiful development.

3. It may be carried out in conjunction with the extension of Monroe Street to State, which will be a most valuable improvement in itself.

It decided against the location occupied by the present city and county buildings for the following reasons;

1. It is away from the center of the city and consequently will be of comparatively little value in adding to the impression which the city makes on its own people and on strangers. It will never become a part of their daily lives as such a symbol of the city's importance should be.

2. It is incapable of satisfactory development. The present buildings, with the exception of the City Hall, are cause for shame rather than pride and they are so placed that they could not be brought into harmonious relations with each other, even if their architecture permitted, which it does not. The best that could be done with the present location would be an unsatisfactory

compromise. The City Plan Commission studied this matter carefully, drew maps and plans and finally gave it up as a bad job.

**Clearing House**—Office, Fourth National Bank Building. Total receipts—1904, \$101,037,199.30; 1905, \$108,955,280.77; 1906, \$117,310,605.58; 1907, \$111,943,337.11; 1908, \$105,251,454.53; 1909, \$123,782,904.07

There are nine members, one from each bank and the Clearing House.

President, James R. Wylie; Secretary, C. H. Hollister; Treasurer, C. B. Kelsey; Manager, Edward H. Hunt; Chairman, Clearing House Committee, Wm. H. Anderson.

**Climate**—Grand Rapids is situated in the west central part of Michigan's lower peninsula in the beautiful Grand River valley and its climate, on account of its peculiar situation, is affected to a great extent by the modifying influence of the great lakes, particularly Lake Michigan.

The average temperature of Grand Rapids is 47.9°, and this average temperature never varies more than a degree or two from year to year.

The elevation of Grand Rapids is between 600 and 700 feet above the mean tide level at New York City.

Grand Rapids has its cold weather. Its winters afford an occasional cold wave, but after these have crossed the lake they rarely ever come here with lower than zero temperature, and as Director Schneider puts it, "There is more life and vitality building material in one of those bracing cold waves that sweep over Grand Rapids during the winter

than in any spring of purported everlasting life that Ponce de Leon so patiently sought."

The summer climate of Grand Rapids should make it a resort for the less fortunate people of Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other cities of the Middle West, as it is seldom visited by hot spells and these never last more than two or three days. The prevailing wind, from the south west, blows across Lake Michigan and brings with it an invigorating coolness. Within easy reach, an hour or two on interurban or railroad, are many summer resorts on neighboring small lakes and the shore of Lake Michigan which have long been favorite visiting places for thousands of people from less favored sections of the Middle west.

The fact that the country about Grand Rapids has become known as The Fruit Belt because of its peach and other orchards speaks volumes for its climate. On the other shore of Lake Michigan fruit raising is almost impossible because the winters are so much more severe. In equal degree are the Western Michigan summers more mild than those of southern Wisconsin and Illinois. And both are due to the same cause. The prevailing winds are from the west and southwest. In summer they are cooled, in winter they are warmed by passing over the broad expanse of Lake Michigan.

**Clubs**—Among the clubs in the city are:—Furniture City Driving Club—President, J. Boyd Pantlind; Secretary, Geo. S. Ward, 227 Pleasant St.; Treasurer, Charles B. Kelsey.

Grand Rapids Boat and Canoe Club—North Park; President, J. R. Taylor; Secretary, Joseph W. Put-

nam, 15 S. Ionia St.; Treasurer C. A. McConnell.

Grand Rapids Camera Club—74 Monroe St.; President, Edgar S. Gage; Secretary and Treasurer, M. Shillenger, 158 S. Prospect St.

Grand Rapids Curling Club—Lake and Norwood Aves.; President, C. A. Hauser; Secretary and Treasurer, Ernest A. Rose, 353 Crescent Ave.

Grand Rapids Speedway Club—President, C. F. Verrell; Secretary, C. M. Brown, Fourth National Bank Bldg.; Speedway at Fifth and Giddings Aves.

Highland Golf Club—Fifth and Giddings Aves.; President, F. Dunbar Robertson; Secretary, S. R. Fletcher, 311 Michigan Trust Bldg.

Kent Country Club—College Ave. north of Sweet; President, John C. Holt; Secretary, C. H. Bender, 305 Michigan Trust Bldg.; Treasurer, Clay H. Hollister.

Peninsular Club—Cor. Fountain and Ottawa Sts.; President, John Duffy; Secretary, Ferry K. Heath, Michigan Trust Bldg.

(See Women's Clubs).

**Colleges**—Grand Rapids Veterinary College—38-40 Louis St., Herman L. Schuh, D. V. M., Dean; J. F. Morrison, Sec. and Treas. 175 students. Come from all parts of the world.

John Calvin, Jr., College and Highland Theological School—(Organized 1891), Fifth and Madison Aves.; Rev. Wm. Heyns, Rector; Albertus J. Rooks, Principal; Klaas School-land, secretary. 150 students.

**Committee of 100**—A branch of the Board of Trade composed of three representatives of each trade and profession. Meets at luncheon every other week for discussion. W. Millard Palmer, Chairman.

**Conservatories of Music—**  
Sacred Heart Academy; The Webb Academy.

**Consuls—**Netherlands, Jacob Steketee, vice consul, 76 Monroe Street.

## Counties of Michigan—

### UPPER PENINSULA

<i>County</i>	<i>County Seat</i>
Alger,	Munising.
Baraga,	L'Anse.
Chippewa,	Sault Ste. Marie.
Delta,	Escanaba.
Dickinson,	Iron Mountain.
Gogebic,	Bessemer.
Houghton,	Houghton.
Keweenaw,	Eagle River.
Luce,	Newberry.
Mackinac,	St. Ignace.
Marquette,	Marquette.
Menominee,	Menominee.
Ontonagon,	Ontonagon.
Schoolcraft,	Manistiquie.

### *Lower Peninsula*

Alcona,	Harrisville.
Allegan,	Allegan.
Alpena,	Alpena.
Antrim,	Bellaire.
Arenac,	Standish.
Barry,	Hastings.
Bay,	Bay City.
Benzie,	Frankfort.
Berrien,	St. Joseph.
Branch,	Coldwater.
Calhoun,	Marshall.
Cass,	Cassopolis.
Charlevoix,	Charlevoix.
Cheboygan,	Cheboygan.
Clare,	Harrison.
Crawford,	Grayling.
Clinton,	St. Johns.
Eaton,	Charlotte.
Emmet,	Petoskey.
Genesee,	Flint.
Gladwin,	Gladwin.

Grand Traverse	Traverse City.
Gratiot,	Ithaca.
Hillsdale,	Hillsdale.
Huron,	Bad Axe.
Ingham,	Mason.
Ionia,	Ionia.
Iosco,	Tawas City.
Iron,	Crystal Falls.
Isabella,	Mt. Pleasant.
Jackson,	Jackson.
Kalamazoo,	Kalamazoo.
Kalkaska,	Kalkaska.
Kent,	Grand Rapids.
Lake,	Baldwin.
Lapeer,	Lapeer.
Leelenau,	Leland.
Lenawee,	Adrian.
Livingston,	Howell.
Macomb,	Mt. Clemens.
Manistee,	Manistee.
Mason,	Ludington.
Mecosta,	Big Rapids.
Midland,	Midland.
Missaukee,	Lake City.
Monroe,	Monroe.
Montcalm,	Stanton.
Montmorency,	Atlanta.
Muskegon,	Muskegon.
Newaygo,	Newaygo.
Oakland,	Pontiac.
Oceana,	Hart.
Ogemaw,	West Branch.
Osceola,	Hersey.
Oscoda,	Mio.
Otsego,	Gaylord.
Ottawa,	Grand Haven.
Presque Isle,	Rogers.
Roscommon,	Roscommon.
Saginaw,	Saginaw.
St. Clair,	Port Huron.
St. Joseph,	Centerville.
Sanilac,	Sanilac Center.
Shiawassee,	Corunna.
Tuscola,	Caro.
VanBuren,	Paw Paw.
Washtenaw,	Ann Arbor.
Wayne,	Detroit.
Wexford,	Cadillac.

**County Officers, Kent County**—Judges, Circuit Court—Willis B. Perkins, 1906-1912; John S. McDonald, 1908-1912; Judge of Probate and of Juvenile Court—Harry D. Jewell, 1909-1913. Register of Probate, Roy M. Watkins; Sheriff, Wm. J. Hurley, 1908-1910; Under Sheriff, Edwin Pettis; County Clerk, Ralph A. Mosher, 1908-1910; Deputy County Clerks, Robert G. Hill; Alex. E. Krakowski; Frank McKay; J. H. Anderson; Peter Telder; Register of Deeds, Hugh A. Montgomery, 1908-1910; Deputy Register, Wm. J. Thomas; County Treasurer, John Paul, 1908-1910; Deputy Treasurer, Gerrit Nevenzel. Prosecuting Attorney Wm. B. Brown, 1908-1910; Asst. Prosecuting Attorneys, H. Monroe Dunham and Louis T. Herman; Circuit Court Commissioner, Edward Eardly, 1908-1910; Board of Auditors, Wm. P. Wolfe, 1907-1913; Frank J. Cook, 1908-1911; Ed. C. Woodworth, 1908-1912; Circuit Court Reporters, C. H. Strawhecker and Henry F. Walch; Coroners, John B. Hilliker, 1908-1910; Simeon Leroy, Jr., 1908-1910; County Surveyor, Theo. O. Williams; Commissioner of Schools, Allen M. Freeland, 1907-1910; Superintendents of Poor, Vernon H. Billings; Omar H. Provin; Jos. Averill; Drain Commissioner, W. H. Murphy.

**Courts**—United States Courts of the Western District of Michigan—Grand Rapids and Marquette. Judge, Arthur C. Denison; District Attorney, George G. Covell; Asst. District Attorney, Wm. K. Clute. Terms, first Tuesday in March and October.

County Courts (Circuit) Judges, Willis B. Perkins, John S. McDonald; Clerk, Ralph A. Mosher; Cir-

cuit Court Commissioner, Edward L. Eardley; Prosecuting Attorney, Wm. B. Brown; Sheriff Wm. J. Hurley. Terms, commencing first Monday in March and May, fourth Monday in September, first Monday in December.

Probate Court, Judge Harry D. Jewell; Register, Roy M. Watkins.

Juvenile Court, Judge Harry D. Jewell.

Superior Court of Grand Rapids, Judge, Wm. J. Stuart; Sheriff, Wm. J. Hurley. Terms, commencing third Monday in September, second Monday in December, March and May.

Justice Court, Judges, Harry L. Creswell, John C. Loucks.

Police Court. This court has original jurisdiction in all cases involving the violation of the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city, or any act of the legislature relating to the government thereof; and in all cases of misdemeanor and of a quasi criminal nature and all cases of felony committed within the city. Judge, Frank A. Hess, term 1910-1912; Clerk, Nicholas Kik, term 1908-1910; Deputy Clerk, Charles C. Boomsliter; Bailiff, Cornelius Kik; Court Officer, Wm. Tatroe.

**Credit Men's Association**—Has a membership of 230. Initiation fee \$2.00. Dues \$10 a year.

This Association is organized for protective and educational purposes; to promote and combine the intelligence and influence of members for protection against imposition, injustice and fraud; to advise and take steps toward the reform of laws unfavorable to credits; to influence and effect the enactment of necessary laws; to determine upon

topics of information desired concerning applicants for credit, and to formulate some plan by which information shall be obtained and distributed, either through existing agencies, or otherwise; to bring about mutual improvements and reforms in business methods; to affiliate with other organizations where it is thought such affiliation will serve the best interests of the Association, and to establish closer ties of business association, that the welfare of all may be best conserved.

**Officers**—President, Victor M. Tuthill; Vice President, G. A. Krause; Treasurer, J. F. Cramer; Secretary, A. K. Tyson.

**Curfew Law**—Enacted July 10, 1905. Whistle blows in summer at 9:00 P. M., and in winter at 8:00 P. M. Whistle is at the City Electric Lighting Plant on the island.

**Customs**—From July 1, 1908 to June 30, 1909, \$97,500. Sheridan F. Masters, Collector of Customs, Government Bldg.

**Debt of City**—Total bonded debt July 1, 1909, was \$2,907,300. Of this \$1,062,500 was for water works and is cared for, interest and principal, by the earnings of the department.

According to charter the voters at a regular or special election called for the purpose must approve all bonding propositions except that:

1st. The common council may authorize 1 year bonds not exceeding \$50,000 at 5 per cent to cover shortage in current expenses, the amount to be assessed and collected the following year.

2nd. The common council may authorize a debt which shall not exceed in any one year the amount

which by the charter may be raised by tax for such year and the sum borrowed shall be paid out of the sums raised by tax for such years if not otherwise provided for. All sums borrowed shall be spent for the purpose specified and no other. But nothing in the charter prohibits the council from levying assessments for local improvements.

3rd. To construct public buildings, bridges or viaducts within the city the council may borrow such amounts as it deems expedient at 5 per cent and not exceeding 20 years

4th. To pay for lands for parks, boulevards or cemeteries or their extension the common council may issue bonds at 4 per cent but not in excess of \$10,000 unless the voters have approved.

5th. Street and sewer bonds, payable in equal amounts each year for a period of 5 years, may be issued by common council to the amount of \$300,000 in one year, interest 5 per cent, but shall not exceed a total of \$700,000. Such bonds may not be re-issued or refunded

The question of bonding to acquire a public utility shall be submitted to the electors.

River improvement bonds may be issued if approved by the electors.

The school board may borrow for temporary purposes \$30,000 to be paid from first school money collected thereafter. The school board may issue bonds to such amount as it deems necessary and at such interest and for such length of time as it deems proper if its action is approved by a majority vote of the common council.

## Financial Condition of Grand Rapids as Compared with all Other Cities Nearest it in Population

	CITIES	Population	Valuation at 100 per cent	Total Debt.
1	Atlanta Ga. . . .	107,265 . .	\$153,067,250 . .	\$3,713,265
2	Richmond, Va. . . .	106,227 . .	124,961,533 . .	8,505,118
3	Fall River, Mass. . .	106,121 . .	84,730,844 . .	6,077,783
4	Nashville, Tenn. . .	105,278 . .	83,492,449 . .	4,804,889
5	Dayton, O. . . .	103,248 . .	94,302,130 . .	4,660,846
6	Grand Rapids, Mich.	101,832 . .	98,543,125 . .	2,664,534
7	Cambridge, Mass. . .	99,653 . .	107,009,290 . .	10,761,950
8	Albany, N. Y. . . .	97,268 . .	82,814,082 . .	4,117,383
9	Hartford, Conn. . . .	98,484 . .	96,713,844 . .	8,072,360
10	Lowell, Mass. . . .	95,157 . .	75,454,738 . .	4,401,848

	Net Debt (Gross Debt Less Sinking Fund Assets)	Net Debt Per Capita	Value of Principal Public Service Enterprises	Permanent Properties Department Equipment
1	\$3,078,893 . .	\$28 70 . .	\$4,339,359 . . . .	\$2,409,460
2	6,882,735 . .	64 79 . .	7,010,950 . . . .	3,822,121
3	3,893,015 . .	36 68 . .	2,126,374 . . . .	4,473,928
4	4,804,889 . .	45 60 . .	5,340,000 . . . .	2,245 700
5	4,397,839 . .	42 56 . .	2,055,000 . . . .	3,377,942
6	2,503,664 . .	24 59 . .	1,760,042 . . . .	3,022,983
7	7,993,392 . .	80 21 . .	6,492,890 . . . .	8,394,953
8	2,541,269 . .	25 60 . .	2,448,610 . . . .	4,666,700
9	6,397,833 . .	64 96 . .	3,163,053 . . . .	6,847,411
10	3,573,453 . .	37 55 . .	4,421,488 . . . .	4,106,990

The cities in this list are taken in order of size, none being skipped.

The figures are from the U. S. census for 1907, the latest published. Since then there have, of course, been changes, but as the purpose of this table is to show the condition of Grand Rapids in comparison with that of other cities of approximately the same size, the figures above answer the purpose.

The common council may borrow for extension of water works such sum as it deems expedient, on application of the Board of Public Works for a term not exceeding 20 years and at interest not exceeding 5 per cent

(See Taxes and Home Rule Law).

**Depots**—Union Station—S. Ionia St.; Grand Trunk—Michigan Ave.; Lake Shore & Michigan Southern—W. Fulton St.; West Bridge St. and Fuller.

Freight Depots—Grand Trunk—Cor. Canal and Sixth Sts., Fuller Station; Grand Rapids & Indiana—First St. and Railroad, Godfrey Ave., Fuller Station; Pere Marquette—Cherry and Ottawa Sts., D. G. H. & M. Junction; Lake Shore & Michigan Southern—W. Bridge and W. Division Sts; Michigan Central—Ionia and Cherry Sts.

**District Associations**—Burton Heights Improvement Association. Has a membership of 200. Annual dues are \$1.00. Officers—President, J. Ray Watkins; Vice President, Geo. F. Cornell; Treasurer, E. J. Smither; Secretary, C. Roy Hatten; Executive Committee, Ralph Andre, Geo. F. Cornell, Charles W. Garfield, P. N. Hammer, C. Roy Hatten, F. M. Lawrence, Wm. H. Quigley, E. J. Smither, J. Ray Watkins.

Canal Street Business Men's Association—J. A. Solomons, Pres.

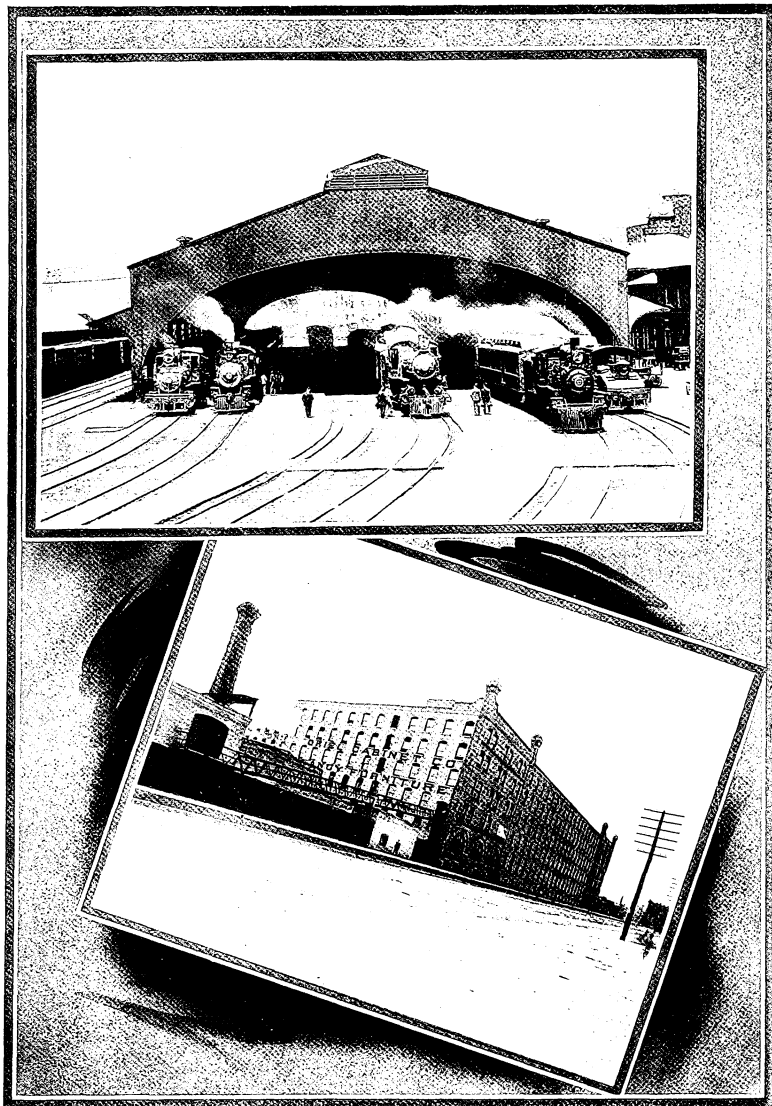
Creston Citizens Association—Has a membership of 375. Annual

dues are \$1.00. Officers:—President, John P. Hayes; Vice President, A. W. Morgan; Secretary, B. H. Van der Maas; Asst. Sec. and Asst. Treas., A. Nagelkirk, Treasurer Bert Petter; Trustees Frank Selzer, Otis Jones, J. R. Jackson, D. E. Murphy. H. H. Hayes, John Dooge.

Grandville Avenue Improvement Association—Has a membership of 175. Annual dues are \$1.00. Officers:—President, C. H. Jongejan; 1st Vice President, H. J. Brouwer; 2nd Vice President, C. Stryker; 3rd Vice President, N. Spoelstra; Treasurer, J. Van Den Beldt; Secretary, E. A. Meves; Asst. Secretary, H. Siebers; Directors, P. J. Haan, G. P. Tilma, G. A. Rumsey, J. DeKruif, H. Ritzema.

Madison Square Board of Trade—Has a membership of 200. Annual dues are \$1.00. Officers:—President, A. C. Chapman; 1st Vice President, G. W. Stowitts; 2nd Vice President, Frederick M. Soule; Treasurer, F. J. Pickett; Secretary, Lewis F. Lane; Legal Advisor, H. H. Freeland.

Sixth Ward Improvement Association—Has a membership of 100. Annual dues are \$1.00. President, Wm. Oltman; Secretary, John P. Seven; Treasurer, John Vanderveen.



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South Division Street Business Men's Association—Has a membership of 100. Annual dues are \$1.00. Officers:—President, John Buys; Vice President, W. Page; Secretary, John S. Noel; Treasurer, C. H. Holt.

**District Nurses Association**—The work of the association was begun by the Charity Organization Society which from its beginning, 1893, employed a visiting nurse. Later this work was put in charge of a committee, 1906-7, which took the title "District Nurses Association," though the control of its finances and policy still remained in the hands of the Charity Organization Society central council.

In October, 1908, the Association became practically an independent organization with its own constitution, budget and officers. It is still, however, legally a part of the Charity Organization Society corporation.

The Association employs three nurses. Working with them and under the supervision of the District Nurses Association superintendent are three other nurses employed by the Board of Education and one employed by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

President, Mrs. M. H. N. Raymond; Secretary, Miss Grace H. Griswold; Superintendent, Mrs. Flora Nieman.

Offices, Charities Building, Park Street.

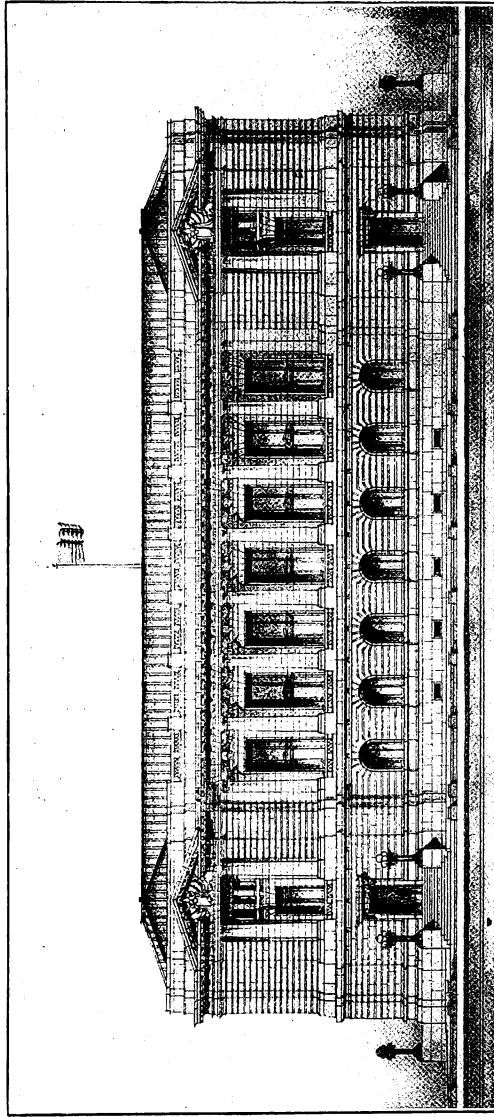
**Dogs**—Licensed dogs in Grand Rapids: 2,479 male and 242 female. Secure license at City Clerk's office. License for female dogs \$3.25. Li-

cense for male dogs \$1.25. If license is not paid the dog is taken by the pound master. Fee \$1.25 a day.

**East Grand Rapids**—Area is  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles east and west and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles north and south. Population is about 700. Its form of government is a village council. Annual revenue is about \$5,000. Annual expenditure is near \$5,000. The most important public improvements undertaken last year were the building of a new engine house and organizing a volunteer fire department. Also installed electricity instead of gas lamps. The most important public improvements now contemplated are the building of a sewer and putting in water mains. Its principal attractions are Ramona Theatre and Park and Reeds Lake.

Officers are:—President, Benj. S. Hanchett; Clerk, Chas. F. Sargeant; Treasurer, M. B. Hall; Trustees, John Paul, James Rose, Thos. B. O'Keefe, R. V. McArthur, Richard J. Brummeler, David B. Schoenfeld; Assessor, Fred Forrester.

**Education**—The public school system of Grand Rapids is under the control of a board of nine members elected at large, three each year for a term of three years. Under them are two executive officers, a superintendent of schools who has charge of the educational part of the work, and a business manager who is also secretary of the board, and who has charge of the buildings, supply department, etc. The school system consists of two High Schools, one on each side of the river and 38 public school buildings. The total value of this property is now estimated at \$1,335,000. There were in attendance last year 15,616 pupils. Much



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attention is now being paid to manual training.

See Private and Parochial Schools and City Officers.

**Elks**—Grand Rapids Lodge, No. 48. Chartered 1886. Meets at Elk's Hall, New Clark Bldg. every Friday at 7:30 P. M. E. R., Jas. A. Lombard Sec., G. D. Bostock. New building in course of erection on Ottawa St.; near City Hall.

**Employers' Association**—The Association aims to take charge for the members of all such matters affecting them as employers which are sufficiently common to employers as a class to permit of treatment by an Association. This includes such matters as supplying the demand for labor, legislation affecting labor, industrial disputes, industrial education, liability insurance, etc. A cardinal principle of the Association is the maintenance of the open shop.

John Mowat, President; L. A. Cornelius, Vice President; W. F. Stanton, Secretary; W. R. Fox, Treasurer; Francis D. Campau, General Secretary and Attorney. Offices, 21 Fountain St., Citz. Phone 1281.

**Express Companies**—Adams Express Co., 31 N. Ionia St.; American Express Co., 33 Monroe St.; National Express Co., Pearl St. by the bridge; Northern Express Co., Pearl St. by the bridge; Southern Express Co., 31 N. Ionia St.; United States Express Co., Ionia St.

**Fairs**—See West Michigan State Fair.

**Federal Building**—Customs House—Sheridan F. Masters. Internal Revenue—Samuel M. Lemon.

**Fire Department**—Fire Marshall, Henry Lemoin, Asst. Fire Marshall, H. C. Bettinghouse, Chief of Battalion, D. B. Walker, Municipal Inspector, Geo. Cotton; Clerk Electrical Department, John H. O'Connor. 155 men. 11 stations in Grand Rapids:—Diamond St.—Luke Kerwin, Captain, 10 men; 49 LaGrave St.—Isaac Sonke, Captain, 21 men; 220 Barclay St.—J. A. Brown, Captain, 11 men; Front and Second Sts.—F. Fenn, Captain, 23 men; Kent St. and Crescent Ave.—John Goodrich, Captain, 22 men; Canal and Leonard Sts.—Truman M. Smith, Captain, 10 men; Grandville and Ellsworth Ave.—Alex Miller, Captain, 10 men; Madison Ave.—Wm. Spencer, Captain, 10 men; Jefferson and Veto Sts.—Wm. Curtis, Captain, 10 men; W. Leonard and Quarry Sts.—F. Van Steenburg, Captain, 10 men; Hall and Ionia Sts.—Geo. Cole, Captain, 10 men. See Police.

**Forestry**—In the vicinity of Grand Rapids there is little attention given to technical forestry, and still there is a wide interest in trees and their value. There is a growing feeling among farmers that at least 10 percent of the area of their farms of 40 acres and upwards should be covered with timber. There are a few groves of second growth that are treasured and make admirable object lessons in reforestation. There are examples of erosion on the hill-sides which show the need of prompt and additional work in creating a forest cover.

The roadside trees on the main highways leading out of Grand Rapids are very beautiful and well selected. With the facts regarding the date of planting and the growth we have an argument in favor of growing trees for their timber values.

There is a strong sentiment in Grand Rapids and its vicinity in favor of tree planting for beauty and as a commercial enterprise. The wood working industries of the city strengthen this sentiment.

**Fruit Produced about Grand Rapids**—Though not exactly in the so-called "lake shore fruit belt" of lower Michigan, Grand Rapids is nevertheless one of the greatest, if not the greatest, fruit center in the middle west. The climate and the soil of the surrounding country are best adapted to the highest development of native fruits, especially the peach.

With one exception the Grand Rapids fruit raising district is farther removed from the tempering influence of Lake Michigan than any other fruit raising community in the state. The exception is said to be near Pontiac. But Grand Rapids, for all the mileage that separates the city from Lake Michigan, for some reason gets the full benefit of the moderate temperature that great body of water spreads over the western portions of the lower peninsula.

Good fruit lands in the vicinity of Benton Harbor are from \$200 to \$500 per acre, while better lands, equally good for fruit, can be had in this county within three miles of the city market for from \$75 to \$150 per acre.

The climate and soil are both adapted to the growth and development of fine apples, peaches, plums, pears, cherries, grapes and all the berries.

**Furniture**—The furniture industry in Grand Rapids is as old as the city itself. Begun by men who conducted little shops in which they worked side by side with their em-

ployes in the manufacture of what would today be considered a very crude product, it has grown until it gives employment to 8,500 men who work in 47 great factories that cover acres of ground. Meanwhile the standard of quality has more than kept pace with increase in quantity so that now the Grand Rapids lines are recognized as the leaders. This recognition has led to the development of a unique feature of the business, a great semi-annual furniture exhibition in January and July, attended by buyers from all parts of the Union who crowd the city for two months of every year. Fairs similar to this are to be found only in such old world centers as Leipsic, Germany, which have built up through the centuries the reputation of being the headquarters of a particular industry.

So great is the prestige of the semi-annual furniture season in Grand Rapids that outside firms send their samples here for exhibition. To accommodate them new exhibition buildings are constantly being erected to take the place of old buildings outgrown or to supply the increasing demand. Some of these are among the handsomest business blocks in the city. One now contracted for will provide not only show rooms, but accommodations for the buyers during their stay.

The principal buildings used by outside firms are:

**Furniture Dealers**, the largest—Klingman Sample Furniture Co., Ionia & Fountain Sts.; Bishop Furniture Co., Louis & Ionia Sts., Heyman Company, 47-61 Canal St.; Wegner Bros. 19-27 S. Division St.; Winegar Furniture Co., 125-131 S. Division St.; Young & Chaffee, 94-100 N. Ottawa St.

**Furniture Exhibition Buildings**—Furniture Exhibition Building Co., 300,000 sq. ft. of floor space; Leonard Furniture Exhibition Buildings, 80,800 sq. ft. of floor space; Blodgett Company, 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space; Manufacturers Bldg., 150,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

List of places from which exhibits are sent:

Brooklyn N. Y.,	Bluffton, Ind.
Warren, Ohio.	Zeeland, Mich.
New York City.	Mt. Wolf, Pa.
Wellsville, N. Y.	York, Pa.
Jamestown, N. Y.	Hanover, Pa.
Traverse City, Mich.	Camden, N. Y.
Holland, Mich.	Bedford, Ohio.
Portland, Mich.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Eaton, Ohio.	Batesville, Ind.
Elmira, N. Y.	Portsmouth, Ohio.
Detroit, Mich.	Chase City, Va.
Rockford, Ill.	Ashville, N. C.
Logan, Ohio.	Mottville, N. Y.
Aurora, Ind.	La Porte, Ind.
Newark, Ohio.	South Bend, Ind.
Winston-Salem, N. C.	Templeton, Mass.
Owosso, Mich.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Cochran, Ind.	Jersey City, N. J.
Grand Ledge, Mich.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Muskegon, Mich.	Columbus, Ohio.
Cleveland, Ohio.	Montoursville, Pa.
Charlotte, Mich.	Black River, N. Y.
Batesville, Ind.	Hanover, Pa.
Greencastle, Ind.	Warsaw, Ky.
Chicago, Ill.	N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Gettysburg, Pa.
Easton, Md.	Rochester, N. Y.
Greensboro, N. C.	Youngsville, Pa.
Huntington, W. Va.	Warren, Pa.
Apulia, N. Y.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Indianapolis, Ind.	Syracuse, N. Y.
Sturgis, Mich.	Danville, Va.
High Point, N. C.	Ramseur, N. C.
Hallstead, Pa.	Lewisburg, Pa.
Piqua, Ohio.	Hagerstown, Md.
Cincinnati, Ohio.	Ludlow, Vt.
Toledo, Ohio.	Lenoir, N. C.
Birmingham, N. Y.	Mocksville, N. C.
Mt. Airy, N. C.	Chattanooga Tenn.,
Galax, Va.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Shelbyville, Ind.	Canton, Ohio.
Herkimer, N. Y.	

**Gas**—Consumers of gas are supplied by the Grand Rapids Gas Light Company, a corporation having the exclusive right to lay gas mains in the streets of the city. The price of gas is \$1.00 per thousand cu. ft., with a discount of 10 cents per

thousand cu. ft. if paid on or before last discount day.

When the gas meter is placed, no person other than an employe of the Company is permitted to remove or detach it. All meters are thoroughly inspected and their accuracy proved before being placed in use. Every meter is periodically examined and tested for accuracy. The company also keeps a large stock of gas ranges, heaters, lamps, burners, and various accessories for the benefit of its patrons.

The company has about 180 miles of pipes laid in the city streets. Its works are situated at the corner of Wealthy and Oakland Aves. The company's office is located at the corner of Pearl and Ottawa Streets.

**Glass Farming**—In gardening under glass Grand Rapids has forged to the front with such strides that the name Grand Rapids is today a certificate of superiority. The lettuce industry or more particularly the "forcing lettuce" industry, has grown to a point where it is one of Grand Rapids' principal outputs and there is in and about Grand Rapids almost \$750,000 invested in greenhouses for the forcing of head lettuce, radishes, cucumbers and parsley. Tons of lettuce were this year shipped to the southern and western markets.

Grand Rapids is itself a great market for cut flowers. From the effort to meet the demands of a purely local trade flower raising under glass has progressed until it has built up one of the greatest flower producing centers of the middle west. Henry Smith's greenhouse on West Bridge Street road is the largest exclusive flower greenhouse in Michigan and one of the largest in the United States.

There are perhaps two score of greenhouses in Grand Rapids that contribute to the wholesale and retail output of cut flowers, bedding plants, ferns, palms, potted plants, etc.

The list of local flower raising greenhouses is a long one. Many of them are devoted to both flower and vegetable forcing.

**Grand River Valley Horticultural Society**—Organized in 1874 and has held regular monthly meetings since that time usually at the homes of members. The attendance at these meetings is from 75 to 100. Fruit exhibits at each meeting.

Officers are:—President, J. Pomerooy Munson; Vice President, Mrs. M. E. Campbell; Secretary, Almond Griffen.

**Hack Stands**—Louis St., from Ottawa to Market St.; East Park St., on west side of street; West Park St., on east side of street; Kent St. on west side of street, from Lyon St. 75 feet north; Canal St., on west side of street, north of a point 200 feet north of north line of Michigan Ave; Ionia St., from Pearl to Fountain, during the day and Ionia St., commencing at a point 100 feet south of Monroe street during the nights; Campau St., on west side of street, between Pearl and Lyon Sts.; Huron St., 25 feet west of lot line; Commerce St., Monroe St. to Louis St.

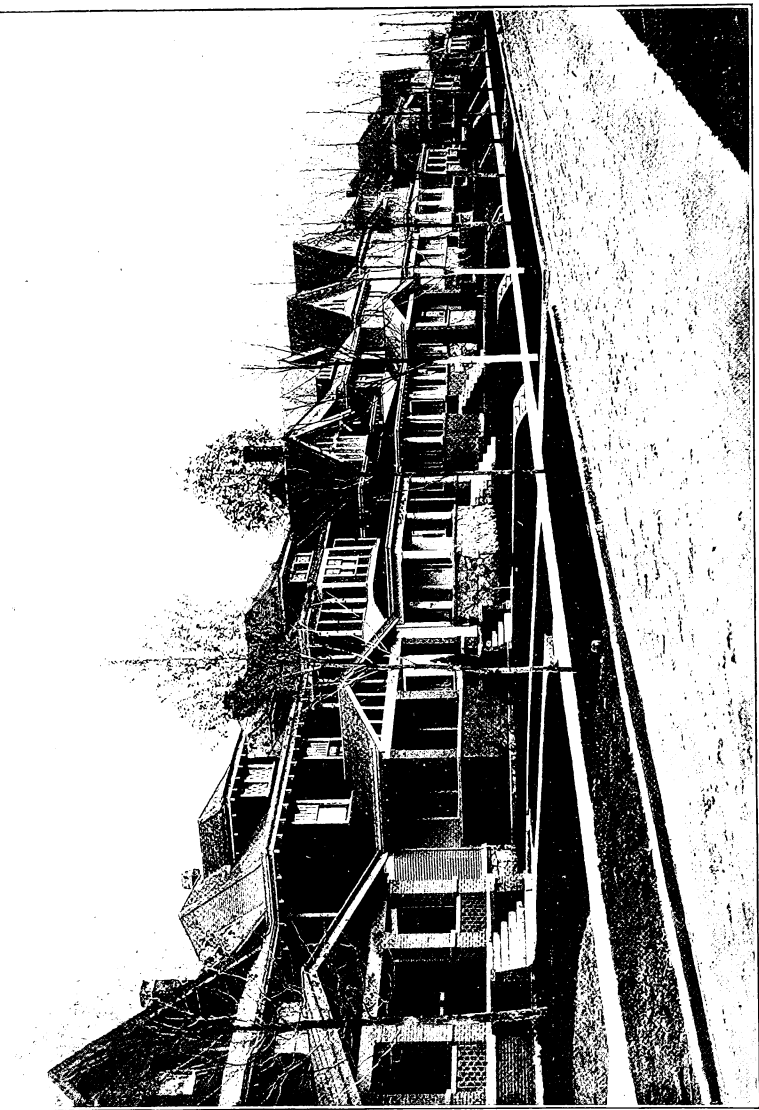
**Fares**—For each passenger (funerals excepted) 1 mile or less, \$.50; For each passenger mile or fraction additional thereof, \$.25; For each adult passenger of same party to same destination, \$.25; Children under six years in charge of other person, free; Children between six

and ten years, half price; Passengers from depots to hotels, \$.25; For attending funerals to Railway Depot or Steamboat Landing and conveying or carrying passengers including the necessary detention and returning such passengers, \$2.50; For attending funerals to cemeteries, not exceeding three hours, including the necessary detention and returning of such passengers, \$3.00; Each additional hour, \$.50.

**Baggage**—For each trunk, accompanied by passenger, \$.25; Handboxes, satchels, or valises in charge of such passengers, free; Between 11 o'clock P. M. and 6 o'clock A. M., double above prices.

See Livery.

**Halls**—A. O. H. Hall, 257-259 N. Ottawa St.; Arbeiter Hall, S. Jefferson St.; B. P. O. E. Hall, Clark Bldg.; Bohemian Hall, 184 Stocking St.; Burleigh's Hall, 698 Madison Ave.; Campau Hall, 613-619 S. Division St.; Casino Hall, Scribner St.; Central Labor Union Hall, 67-69 Canal St.; Danish Hall, 21 Mt. Vernon St.; Eagle Hall, 8-10 Lyon St.; Engineer's Hall, 462 S. Division St.; Germania Hall, N. Front St.; Goossen Hall, 519-521 N. Ottawa St.; G. A. R. Hall, 66 Pearl St.; Hanish Hall, 74 NorthMarket St.; Hibernian Hall, 257-259 N. Ottawa St.; Hoek's Hall, 320 W. Leonard St.; H. O. H. Hall, 52 Lyon St.; Holland Circle of Friends Hall, 213 W. Leonard St.; Holwerda's Hall, 890 Wealthy Ave.; Houseman Hall, 982-984 Hall St.; Imperial Hall, 701 Wealthy Ave.; I. O. G. T. Hall, 23 Fountain St.; I. O. O. F. Halls, 213 Stocking St., 500 S. Division St., 53 Sherman St., 722 Madison Ave., 60 W. Leonard St. and at Comstock Park; Knights of Columbus Hall, 188 E. Fulton St.,



A TYPICAL RESIDENCE STREET

K.O.T.M.M. Hall, 60 W. Leonard St.; Landwehr Hall, First and Stocking Sts.; Lithuanian Hall, 358 Hamilton St.; M. W. of A. Hall, N. Coit Ave. and Quimby St.; Newsboys' Hall, E. Fulton St.; Page's Hall, N. Coit Ave. and Plainfield Ave.; People's Hall, 890 Wealthy Ave.; Polish-American Industrial Society Hall, W. Fulton and S. Lane Ave.; Polish Halls, N. East St., 183 Jackson St.; Pulcher Hall, 53-55 W. Bridge St.; Reelman Hall, 290 Grandville Ave.; Rietberg Hall, 19 Ohio St.; Ritzema's Hall, 90 W. Leonard St.; St. Casimir Hall, 6th and Davis Sts.; St. George's Hall, Quarry St.; St. Hedwig's Society Hall, 346 4th St.; St. Joseph's Hall, 23 Rumsey St.; Salvation Army Hall, 62-64 Pearl St.; Schwabenverein Hall, 11 S. Front St.; Shanahan Hall, 220 Plainfield Ave.; Simmons Hall, 500-502 S. Division St.; Socialists' Hall, 91 Canal St.; Swedish Hall, Bowery St.; United American's Hall, 191 W. Division St.; Vander Veen's Hall, 367 S. East St.; Vidro's Hall, 190 Stocking St.; Wilmot Hall, 36 W. Leonard St.

**Health Department** — The Health Board consists of five members, appointed by the Mayor, for the term of five years, one member being appointed each year. The Mayor is a member ex-officio, but without the right to vote.

The Board possesses all the authority that is now by law conferred upon Boards of Health and Directors of the Poor and Supervisors acting as Directors of the Poor in townships of this state, together with such further powers and duties as are conferred upon it by the provisions of the City Charter. The Board selects the Health Officer, the Supt. of Poor, City

Physician, Food, Meat and Milk Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Bacteriologist, Supt. of Garbage Collection Dept., Supt. of Garbage Crematory, Supt. of Contagious Disease Hospitals, Secretary of the Board and Sanitary Inspectors.

Office City Hall. See City Officers.

**Historical Dates**—First permanent building erected (for missionaries to Indian village, 1825). Arrival of first settlers, 1833. Incorporated as a village, 1838. Incorporated as a city, 1850. Name "Grand Rapids" given to the first post office, 1832. First gas lights installed, 1857. First horse cars operated, 1865. First electric lights installed, 1881. First telephones installed, 1879. Flood Protection work begun, 1904. Present charter went into effect, Sept. 1, 1905. Home Rule for Michigan Cities effective, Sept. 1, 1909. City Plan Report issued, May 1909.

**Historical Society of Grand Rapids**—The Historical Society of Grand Rapids was founded in 1894; reorganized in affiliation with The Grand Rapids Public Library in 1906

The object of the society is to spread historical information. It has published the following monographs relating to the history of Grand Rapids.

Volume I, Part I (a) A Review of "Michigan as a Province, Territory and State." By Lewis G. Stuart. (b) The Published Material Relating to the History of Grand Rapids, and the Original Sources of Information for Writing our Local History, by Dwight Goss, Esq.

Volume I, Part 2, John Ball and



Early Grand Rapids, by Miss Lucy Ball.

Volume I, Part 3, Fur Traders of the Grand River Valley, by Miss Rebecca Richmond.

Volume I, Part 4, Daniel Ball as a Banker, by Mr. Harvey J. Hollister.

Volume I, Part 5, "The Early History of the Furniture Industry in Grand Rapids," by Mr. Wm. Widcomb.

Present officers are:—President, Roger W. Butterfield; 1st Vice President, Lewis G. Stuart; 2nd Vice President, Geo. W. Thayer; Treasurer, Frank S. Coleman; Secretary, Samuel H. Ranck.

**Holidays**—Sunday, New Years Day, Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12), Washington's Birthday (Feb. 22), Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Election Day (general), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

**Home Rule Law for Michigan Cities**—Passed by Legislature of 1909 in conformity with provision in the State Constitution ratified by the people in November, 1908 gives all cities of the commonwealth great freedom in managing their own concerns.

The most important limitations are:

Section 4. Each city may in its charter provide: (a) For annually laying and collecting taxes in a sum not to exceed two per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city;

(b). For borrowing money on the credit of the city in a sum not to exceed eight per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city: Provided, That in cities where the amount of money which may be borrowed is

now limited by law, such limit shall continue until it shall be raised or lowered by a two-thirds vote of the electors voting on the question at a general or a special election; and in such cities, bonds issued for public improvements in connection with which a special assessment district is made to pay therefor, and which are a charge upon such district, shall not be included unless the contrary is provided by the charter, and the resources of the sinking fund shall be deducted in determining the amount of such indebtedness. The limit of such indebtedness shall not be increased oftener than once in two years. No single increase shall exceed two per centum of the assessed value of the real and personal property in the city. When a city is authorized to acquire or operate any public utility, it may issue mortgage bonds therefor beyond the general limit of bonded indebtedness prescribed by law: Provided, That such mortgage bonds issued beyond the general limit of bonded indebtedness prescribed by law shall not impose any liability upon such city, but shall be secured only upon the property and revenues of such public utility, including a franchise stating the terms upon which, in case of foreclosure, the purchaser may operate the same, which franchise shall in no case extend for a longer period than twenty years from the date of the sale of such utility and franchise on foreclosure: Provided, however, that no city shall have power to borrow money or issue bonds imposing any liability upon the city in the purchase, construction or maintenance of a public utility for transportation purposes, which liability added to the then existing general indebtedness of the city shall cause the net general indebtedness of the city

to exceed four per centum of the assessed value of all the real and personal property of the city. In case of fire, flood or other calamity, the legislative body may borrow for the relief of the inhabitants of the city and for the preservation of municipal property, a sum not to exceed one-fourth of one per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city, due in not more than three years, even if such loan would cause the indebtedness of the city to exceed the limit fixed in the charter. No city shall have power to incur indebtedness or issue bonds of any kind except for emergency purposes as above stated and bonds secured only by mortgage on the property and franchise of a public utility which shall exceed in the aggregate ten per centum of the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city.

**Homes**—See Hospitals, Etc.

**Hospitals, Asylums, Homes, Etc.**—Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home—401 Lyon St., Pres. Board of Directors, Rev. Chas. Nease; Supt., Mrs. L. C. Aldrich.

Anna Livingston Hospital. In connection with Children's Home—662 Cherry St., Esther L. Robinson, matron.

Bissell House—425 N. Ottawa St. Head resident, Miss Ida Wilson.

Blodgett Memorial Children's Home—662 Cherry St., Mrs. Robert Hill, matron.

Buelah Home—418 Horton Ave., Lida J. Noble, Supt.

Butterworth Hospital—Cor. Michigan Ave. and Bostwick Sts. President, Edward Lowe; Vice President, P. C. Fuller, Secy., Claude Hamilton. In connection with hospital is a training school for nurses, Kendall

Home, under the management of a committee. Miss Elizabeth G. Flaws is General Supt.

City Hospital (for contagious diseases)—N. Fuller St. Under the management of the Board of Health and Poor Commissioners.

Clark Memorial Home—704 Sherman St., Judson P. Durham, Supt.

Holland Union Benevolent Association Home—345 Michigan Ave. Under management of trustees: Rev. Matthew Kolyn, Pres.; Caroline A. Kriens, Supt. A home for aged, indigent and infirm persons of general good conduct and character.

Home for the Aged—158 S. Lafayette St. In charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Home of the Good Shepherd—315 Walker Ave.

Kendall Home, Michigan Ave., near Bostwick St.

Kent County Detention Hospital 192 N. Ionia St. Alex Lardie, Supt.

Michigan Home for Girls—1053 Oakdale Ave.

Michigan Masonic Home—Lake Ave., opp. Reeds Lake. Rial V. McArthur, Supt. and Sec.; Mrs. Olive D. McArthur, Matron.

Michigan Soldiers' Home—Canal St., 1½ miles north of city limits. Judson E. Rice, Commandant; Major E. B. Taylor, Adj.; Major Howard A. Grube, Surgeon.

Peoples Sanitarium and Hospital—134 S. East St., H. M. Best, physician in charge.

Rest Cottage—799 E. Fulton St., Rev. Edwin E. Wood, Supt.

St. John's Orphan Asylum—N.s. E. Leonard St., between North Ave. and Lafayette Sts. Under the superintendence of the Dominican Sisters, Mother M. Acquinata, Superior; Rt. Rev. Henry J. Richter, Supt.

St. Mary's Hospital—145 S. Lafayette St. In charge of the Sisters of Mercy.

Salvation Army Rescue Home—1230 S. Division St. Dorothea Maurer, Matron.

Tuberculosis Sanitorium—N. Fuller St. Under the management of the Board of Health and Poor Commissioners. Mrs. Nellie Bussell, Supt.

Union Benevolent Association Hospital—Lyon and College Ave. John W. Blodgett, President; Mrs. Madalia S. Haggerty, Secretary. In connection with the hospital is a training school for nurses, under the management of a committee, Ida M. Barrett, General Supt.

Nurses—U. B. A. Training Class—7 graduated in May, 1909. Butterworth Training Class—11 graduated in May, 1909. St. Mary's Training Class—6 graduated in May, 1909.

Central Directory for Nurses, Hannah Singer, 161 LaGrave St., Citizens Phone 1094, Bell, Main 1514.

**Hotels**—American House—60 S. Ionia St.

Baldwin Hotel—43 Plainfield Ave.

Beaumont Hotel—83-85 S. Commerce St.

Bridge Street House—Michigan Ave. American, \$1.25.

Campau Park House—616 S. Division St. American, \$1.00.

Clarendon Hotel—Cor. Michigan Ave. and Canal St. \$50, 75 and \$1.00. Rooms only.

Cody, The—Cor. S. Division and E. Fulton Sts. American, \$2.00 \$2.50, \$3.00. European, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Crathmore Hotel—64-70 S. Ionia

St. American, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50. European, \$50, \$75, \$1.00, \$1.50.

Derby Hotel—39 W. Fulton St.  
Eagle Hotel—Market and Louis Sts.

Fletcher Hotel—36 S. Division St.

Herald Square Hotel—178 E. Fulton St.

Herkimer, The—Cor. S. Division and Goodrich Sts. European, \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Hotel Central—102 Canal St.

Hotel Grand—125 Canal St.

Hotel Hermitage—Cor. Michigan Ave. and Canal St. European, 75c to \$1.00.

Hotel Oxford—12-14 Canal St.

Hotel Pantlind—Cor. Canal and Pearl Sts. European, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Hotel Philabaum—49 Lyon St.

Hotel Pioneer—70-72 Canal St.

Hotel St. Elmo—55 Lyon St.

Hotel Ten Cate—Reeds Lake.

Irving Hotel—S. Division St.

Lake View House—Reeds Lake.

Lincoln House—36 S. Commerce St.

Livingston Hotel—Cor. E. Fulton and S. Division Sts. European, \$1.00 to \$2.50. American, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

Majestic Hotel—15 W. Bridge St.

Morton House—Monroe and Ionia Sts. American, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

North Star Hotel—Comstock Park.

Oakes, The—100 Canal St.

Ohio House—182-186 Canal St.

Ontario House—174 Kent St.

Ottawa Street House—489 N. Ottawa St.

Palm Hotel, 80 Shawmut Ave.

Park House—60 N. Division St.

Planters House—27 Court St.

Portland Hotel—280 Canal St.

Riverside Hotel—Comstock Park.

Wellington Hotel—52-54 S. Ionia St. American, \$1.25 and \$1.50. European, 50c and 75c.

West Bridge Street House—32 W. Bridge St.

West Fulton Street House—126 W. Fulton St.

Western Hotel—112 W. Bridge St.

**Humane Society, Kent County**—President, C. S. Udell; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Haggerty; Agent, E. H. Randolph, Citz. phone 5481. The society holds its meetings in the Charities Building on Park Street.

**Industries**—124 lines of goods to an annual value of over \$38,000,000 are produced by Grand Rapids factories. Furniture, stoves, brushes, clothing, wood working of all kinds, confectionery, plaster, refrigerators, flour, carriages, carpet sweepers, catalogs and other products are among the output. Many outside enterprises are locating in Grand Rapids, owing to its superior advantages in the way of cheap power, good locations, favorable housing conditions for workingmen, fire protection, etc.

**Insurance Agencies**—50 life insurance companies. 30 fire insurance companies.

**Interurban Railroads**—Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway. Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway.

Grand Rapids interurban railroads give hourly service to the following Lake Michigan resorts:—Saugatuck, Macatawa Park, Ottawa Beach, Black Lake, Spring Lake,

Highland Park, Mona Lake, Muskegon Lake and intervening points.

Special cars can be chartered for trolley rides, theater parties, excursions and fraternal societies, at reasonable rates, with the exception that special cars may not be chartered for use on interurban lines on holidays, Saturdays or Sundays between June 1st and October 1st.

Cars leave Grand Rapids waiting room hourly on Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon line and arrive 25 minutes after the hour. Steamboat limited leaves waiting room at 7:50 P. M. and arrives in Grand Haven at 9:11 P. M. Waiting room, 81 Lyon St.

Cars leave hourly on Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago line. Waiting room, 75 N. Market St.

**Kent County Detention Hospital**—(See Hospitals, Etc.).

**Lake Resorts**—Gun Lake—G. R. & I. to Shelbyville. Livery. 5 miles east of Shelbyville. 32 miles from Grand Rapids.

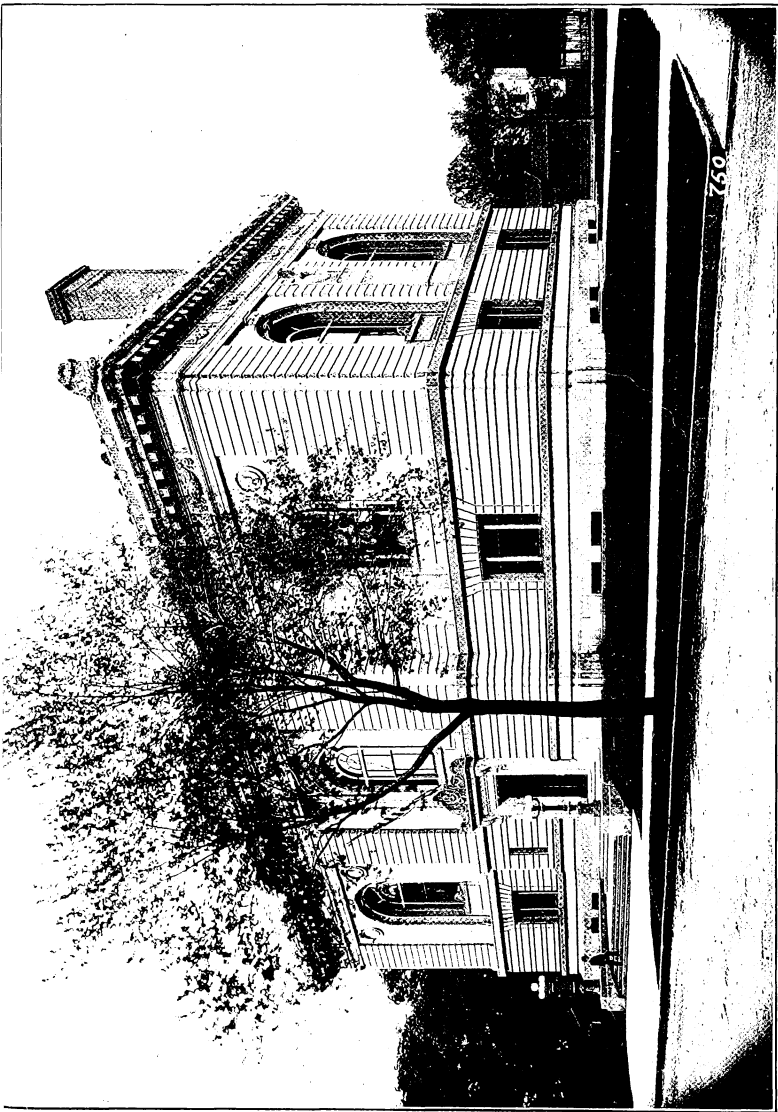
Gull Lake—G. R. & I. to Kalamazoo. Interurban to lake. 60 miles from Grand Rapids.

Black Lake—Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Interurban. 30 miles from Grand Rapids.

Spring Lake—Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Interurban. 28 miles from Grand Rapids.

Lake Michigan—Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Interurban to Grand Haven and Muskegon; Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Interurban to Macatawa Park. Pere Marquette Railroad to Ottawa Beach and Macatawa. Grand Trunk Railroad to Grand Haven.

Northern lakes and trout streams—G. R. & I. and Pere Marquette Railroads.



THE RYERSON LIBRARY

**Libraries**—Grand Rapids Public Library, Ryerson Building—Cor. Park and Bostwick Sts., Samuel H. Ranck, Librarian.

Branches—Coldbrook School, N. Ottawa St.; Sigsbee School, Sigsbee St.; Buchanan Street School, Buchanan St. and Griggs Ave.; Palmer Ave. School, Palmer Ave. and Watrous St.; West Side, W. Bridge and Cadwell Sts.; Hall Street School, Hall St. and Grandville Ave.

The center of the activities of the Grand Rapids public library is the Ryerson Public Library building, the handsomest and most costly public building in the city, and the best library building in Michigan. This building is the gift of Mr. Martin A. Ryerson of Chicago. Strangers are in the habit of visiting it by the thousand every year.

It has a frontage of 125 feet and its depth is about the same. In design it is massive and dignified, the exterior being in the style of the Renaissance. The exterior walls are of Bedford lime stone and the roofs are covered with red tile.

The library contains about 90,000 volumes.

This building fronts on Fulton Street Park which was selected by the City Plan Commission and its expert advisers as the future Civic Center of Grand Rapids, as it affords an open space near the heart of town and most convenient of access, about which important public buildings may be grouped in such a way as to greatly add to their impressiveness and to the dignity and beauty of the city. (See Civic Center).

**Law Library**—Grand Rapids Law Library, room 1035 Michigan Trust Bldg. Organized Dec. 15, 1886. Capital \$20,000. Open only

to members, who number 70. Over 8,000 volumes, mainly reports of all States. President and Treasurer, Mark Norris; Librarian, Geta V. Godwin.

**Livery**—The visitor to the city may get information as to the location of livery stables by inquiring of the hotel clerk.

For a horse and buggy the usual price is \$1.00 for one hour. For afternoon, from 1 o'clock till 6, \$1.50; for a double team, \$3.00. Horses are boarded at \$20 and \$22 per month.

Bachman's Livery, 42-44 Louis St.; Bartlett & Co., Cor. Market & E. Fulton St.; Boylon, Mrs. Mary, 156 N. Ionia St.; Brogger, Mrs. Anna, 182 Canal St.; Eardley Wm. 12-14 S. Commerce St.; Chapman & Woodworth, 50-54 N. Division St.; Cobb, H. G., 312 Kent St.; Crescent Livery, 9 Crescent Ave.; Dowd & Thorington, 65 Kent St.; Egeler, J. G., 11 Scribner St.; Everhart, B. L., 357 Wealthy Ave.; Ferguson, F. J., 141 Kent St.; Golden & Boter Transfer Co., 27-31 N. Market St.; Green, G. R., 1017 Burton Ave.; Hewitt, Wm., 1065 Jefferson Ave.; Ingraham & Hill, 15 Summer St.; Morton House Livery, 50-54 N. Division St.; Palace Livery Co., 33-37 Michigan Ave.; Ronan, P. F., 610 S. Division St. (See Hacks.)

**Lost Property**—For personal property lost on the street cars, inquire at the office of the company, 34-36-38 N. Ionia St. Left in hacks, parks, streets, inquire at police headquarters.

**Messenger Service**—American District Telegraph Co., 13 Canal St.; Enterprise Messenger & Parcel Co., 61 Lyon St.; Independent Mes-

senger Service, 113 Michigan Trust Bldg.; Valley City Messenger Service, 33 N. Ottawa St.

**Michigan Soldiers Home**—The Home was established June 5 1885. \$100,000 was appropriated for the purpose. \$175,000 is appropriated for the present fiscal year

The revenue is derived about equally from National Government and State appropriation.

1237 men and 150 women in Home at present time. Wives and widows of old soldiers are cared for, but no other relatives.

The institution is administered by Board of Managers of seven members, of whom the Governor of the State is ex-officio chairman. The others are appointed by the Governor, two every other year to serve six years.

The members of administrative board are:

Hon. Fred M. Warner, Governor; A. O. Shaw, Newaygo, Mich., term expires March 1, 1915; Alfred Milnes, Coldwater, term expires March 1, 1915; Geo. C. Wetherbee, Detroit, term expires March 1, 1911; E. H. Foote, Grand Rapids, term expires March 1, 1911; Louis Kanitz Muskegon, term expires March 1, 1913; E. F. Grabill, Greenville, term expires March 1, 1913.

5,578 men and 425 women have been taken care of since Home was opened.

Judson E. Rice, Commandant.

**Michigan Trust Company**—Michigan Trust Bldg. Capital \$200,000, surplus and undivided profits \$200,000. President, Lewis H. Withey; Vice Presidents, 1st Vice Pres., Willard Barnhart; 2nd Vice Pres., Henry Idema and 3rd Vice Pres., F. A. Gorham; Secretary,

George Hefferan; Assistant Secretary Claude Hamilton.

**Municipal Affairs Committee**—A branch of the Board of Trade. The 145 members are divided among the following eight sub-committees, whose chairmen constitute an executive committee:

More Beautiful City, Social Welfare, City's Neighbors, Public Improvements, Healthier City, Safer City, Better Governed City, Cleaner City

This committee has a paid secretary who devotes all his time to its work. Its purpose is to arouse general interest in civic and social problems. It is absolutely non-partisan and it does not endorse or support candidates for political office. John B. Martin, General Chairman; Charles W. Garfield, Vice Chairman; John Ihlder, Secretary; Clay H. Hollister, Treasurer.

**Municipal Reference Bureau**—Maintained by the Municipal Affairs Committee of the Board of Trade. In it is collected all available data along civic and social lines relating to Grand Rapids and a considerable amount of similar material relating to other cities. This consists of maps, photographs, statistics, publications dealing with civic and social questions, official reports, bulletins of civic societies, etc., etc., all of which is kept on file and easily accessible. The purpose of the bureau is primarily to assist the members of the Municipal Affairs Committee and the Board of Trade in their work. So far as possible, however, information along social and civic lines will be given to other inquirers. (See Municipal Affairs Committee).

**Museum, Kent Scientific**—The museum is housed in a three

story brick building at the corner of Jefferson Ave. and Washington St. It was dedicated Jan. 1, 1904 and was opened to the public. Since then the museum has been a growing object of interest to citizens and visitors. Its exhibits have been drawn from many sources and are of many kinds. The nucleus was the collection of the old Kent Scientific Institute, a society made up of devoted persons who gave much of their time and labor and their goods to building up an exhibit of which the city might feel proud. The history of the museum goes back to the organization of the Grand Rapids Lyceum of Natural History in 1854, with John Ball as president. In 1868 the Lyceum joined with the Kent Institute to form the Kent Scientific Institute with John Ball again president. In 1901 the Kent Scientific Institute turned its museum entirely over to the Board of Education.

Under control of Board of Library Commissioners. Herbert E. Sargent, Director. (See City Officers).

**Musical Societies** — Germania Maennerchor, meets every Tuesday at Germania Hall, N. Front St.; "Harmonie" Singing Society meets every Wednesday evening at Turner Hall, 91 S. Jefferson St.; St. Cecilia, meets every alternate Friday at 3 P. M. in St. Cecilia Bldg., 24 Ransom Street.; Schubert Club, meets every Monday from Oct. 1st to June 1st, at 8 P. M. in Evening Press Hall; Veteranen Liedertafel, meets every Friday evening at 22 Michigan Ave.

**Newspapers and Periodicals** — Daily — Daily News 11-15-17 Fountain St., evening; Evening Press, cor. E. Fulton and Sheldon Sts., even-

ing; Grand Rapids Herald, 184-188 E. Fulton St., morning.

Semi-Weekly — De Standaard (Holland), 125 Campau St.; Der Fortschritt (German), 625 Robinson Ave.; Michigan Artisan, 108-110 N. Division St.

Weekly — Creston News, 206 Plainfield Ave.; DeGids (Holland), 21 Canal St.; Der Sonntagsbote (German), 67-69 Canal St.; Echo Tygodniowe (Polish), 192 4th St.; Germania (German), 67-69 Canal St.; Grand Rapids Chronical, 188 E. Fulton St.; Grand Rapids Herald, 184-188 E. Fulton St.; Grand Rapids Weekly Railway Guide, 36 S. Division St.; Het Ideaal (Holland), 10 Commercial Savings Bank Bldg. Michigan Tradesman, 23 N. Ionia St.; The Observer, 36 S. Division St.; Plain Dealer, 307 N. Ottawa St.

Monthly — American Cheese-maker, 23 N. Ionia St.; American Highways, 188 E. Fulton St.; American Stories, 184 E. Fulton St.; De Huisvriend (Holland), 10 Commercial Savings Bank Bldg.; Fruit Belt 184 E. Fulton St.; Glad Tidings, 307 N. Ottawa St.; New Era Bulletin, 29 Fountain St.

**Nurses** — See Hospitals, Etc.

**Oldest House** — The first house erected in Grand Rapids was that of Joel Guild built in 1833 where the Wonderly Building now stands.

**Parcel Delivery Companies** — Columbian Transfer Co., 15-19 N. Market St.

(See Messenger Service).

**Parks** — Value of parks \$433,900; area 218.08 acres.

John Ball — Is located at the west-end of West Fulton St. between





MONROE STREET  
BAND DAY IN THE PARK

VIEW OF JOHN BALL PARK  
A WEST SIDE BOULEVARD

Sibley and West Wealthy Ave. and extending west to the city limits. The original park, 40 acres, was bequeathed to the city by the late John Ball in 1869. Area now is 137.41 acres. Present estimated value, \$165,000.

Lincoln Park—Lying between W. Bridge St., Jackson St., Garfield Avenue and Marion St., was purchased in June 1873 for \$10,000. Area 15.75 acres. Present estimated value, \$30,000.

Antoine Campau Park—Lying between S. Division St., S. Ionia St., Seventh Ave. and Eighth Ave. was given to the city by Martin A. Ryerson of Chicago, July 10, 1899. Area 3.58 acres. Present estimated value \$40,000..

Monument Park—Lies between East Fulton St., S. Division St. and Monroe St. There is no record to show when it was acquired, but some time previous to 1850. Area .06 of an acre. Present estimated value \$15,000.

Fulton Street Park—Lying between East and West Park Sts., East Fulton St. and Park Place, was purchased from Louis and Sophia Campau Aug. 12, 1852 for \$600. Area 1.65 acres. Present estimated value \$75,000.

Crescent Park—Is located on Bostwick St., between Lyon and Michigan Ave. Area .95 of an acre. Present estimated value \$15,000.

Highland Park—Lying north of the Grand Trunk Railway, between Grand Ave. and Union St., was purchased in 1873 for \$1,200. Area 5 acres. Present estimated value \$12,000.

Lookout Park—Located at the northwest corner of Clinton and Newberry Sts., was purchased in 1893 from Mary E. Crosby for

\$4,500. Area, 1.81 acres. Present estimated value \$5,000.

Playgrounds—Located on Madison and Burton Aves. was donated to the city by Charles W. and Jessie S. Garfield and Julia L. Fletcher, January 27, 1906. Area 25 acres. Present estimated value \$30,000.

State Street Park—Lying at the corner of State and Washington Sts. was donated to the city August 8, 1849 by Canton Smith. Area .11 of an acre. Present estimated value \$2,000.

Foster Park—Lying at the cor. of State and Cherry Sts. was donated to the city August 8, 1849 by Canton Smith. Area .29 of an acre. Present estimated value \$10,000.

DeCommer Park—Lying on Third Ave. was declared a public park by ordinance January 29, 1900. Area one-tenth of an acre. Present estimated value \$500.

Hosken Park—Lies between Lake Ave., Cherry St. and Diamond St., and the records do not show when or how it was acquired. Area one-tenth of an acre. Present estimated value \$1,000.

Ellsworth Ave. Park—Is located on Market St. and Ellsworth Ave. Area .08 of an acre. Present estimated value \$2,000.

East Bridge Street Park—Located at Michigan and Coit Aves. Area .14 of an acre. Present estimated value \$5,000.

Mary Waters Field—Located on North Lafayette St., Legrand and North Aves. was donated to the city by Dudley E. and Florence Hills Waters, January 28, 1907. Area 6 acres. Present estimated value \$6,000.

Baldwin Park—Located at Lake Ave. and East Fulton St., was donated to the city by Susan N. Baldwin, May 11 1908. Area, one-

tenth of an acre. Present estimated value \$1,500.

**Coldbrook**—Located on Coldbrook, Lafayette and Legrand St. Ten acres purchased July 26, 1875 for \$15,000. Present area 14 acres. Present estimated value \$6,000.

**Julius Houseman Field**—Is located between Diamond, Houseman and Sophie Sts. and was donated to the city March 22, 1907, by Hattie Houseman Amberg, as a memorial to her father, Julius Houseman. Area 6 acres. Present estimated value \$10,000. This is under the

direction and control of the Board of Education.

**Fifth Avenue Park**—Is located at Fifth Avenue and Fuller St. and was purchased by the city in 1906 for \$1,350 as a site for a standpipe. Area 1 acre. Present estimated value \$2,400.

**Pearl Park**—Located at Walker Avenue, Seventh and Fremont Sts. designated as a park by resolution July 22, 1895. Area one-tenth of an acre. Present estimated value \$500.

**Coit Park**—In the Black Hills. Given to the city by the Coit Estate in 1909. Area about 7 acres.

## Parks

Comparison with other cities.

	Population 1906	Park Area	Park Area to 1,000 Pop.
1 St. Louis . .	649,320 .	2,198.04 acres (1905) .	3.4 acres
2 Boston . . .	602,278 .	2,381.15 acres (1907) .	3.72 acres
3 Cleveland . .	460,327 .	1,697.164 acres (1908) .	3.68 acres
4 Buffalo . . .	381,819 .	1,052.00 acres (1907) .	2.76 acres
5 Detroit . . .	353,535 .	1,054.70 acres (1905) .	2.97 acres
6 Minneapolis .	273,825 .	2,465.242 acres (1908) .	9.03 acres
7 St. Paul . . .	203,815 .	1,131.09 acres (1908) .	5.57 acres
8 Seattle . . .		1,062.863 acres (1908)	
9 Kansas City, Mo.	182,376 .	2,055.23 acres (1907) .	11.29 acres
10 Omaha . . .	124,167 .	613.26 acres (1906) .	4.94 acres
11 Des Moines . .	78,323 .	668.50 acres (1909) .	8.85 acres
12 Harrisburg . .	55,735 .	476.42 acres (1906) .	8.66 acres
13 Colorado Springs		2,086.55 acres (1908) .	
	1910		
14 Grand Rapids .	110,000 or	218.08 acres (1909) .	1.98 acres
Grand Rapids .	130,000	218.08 acres (1909) .	1.67 acres

## Parochial and Private Schools

—Among the parochial and private schools are the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart High School for girls, St. Andrew's High School for boys and ten Catholic parochial schools;

Christian Reformed Theological school and John Calvin, Jr. College; the Independent Free Schools for Christian Instruction; German Lutheran parochial schools; the Grand Rapids Medical and Veterin-

ary College; two business universities, the Powell-Eastman and the Walbridge-Webb select schools.

The Roman Catholic lead in number of schools, teachers, pupils and value of school buildings.

The Y. M. C. A. has a system of night schools or classes, covering a great variety of subjects. It has about 200 students on its rolls.

**Academies**—The Webb Academy—Wm. E. Webb, Principal and director. 214 S. East St. Day school. Both boys and girls.

**Sacred Heart Academy**—69 Ramson St. Opened 1900. 150 students last year. High School Course, 12 grades. Classical Course, English, Scientific, Commercial, Music. Girls. Only small boys allowed in kindergarten. Girls boarded but not boys.

**Miss Moffitt's School**—18 S. Lafayette St. 48 students. Kindergarten, Primary, Grammar and High School grades.

**Mrs. Eastman's Private School**—110 Barclay St. High School grades and kindergarten.

**Kindergartens**—The Kindergarten Training School—Cor. Ionia and Fountain Sts. was established in 1891 by the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Association. The school now has about three hundred alumni employed in all parts of the country. About 70 students. Principal, Miss Clara Wheeler.

**Kindergarten Association**—Pres. M. Clark Gleason; Sec., Miss Emma Field.

The following schools have kindergarten departments:—The Webb-Walbridge School—The Eastman, Private School—Miss Moffitt's School.

**Picnic Grounds**—Reeds Lake, Manhattan; Jenison Park, Reached

by Holland interurban; North Park; John Ball Park.

**Playground Association**—Organized about a year ago. Re-organized on May 7, 1910, when the campaign for an extension of our parks and playground system started at a conference meeting of representatives of the Municipal Affairs Committee of the Board of Trade and the District Organizations had aroused renewed interest in the subject.

Membership \$1.00 a year. Open to all residents of Grand Rapids. President, Chas. W. Garfield; Sec'y and Treas., Mrs. Clark Gleason, 390 Madison Avenue.

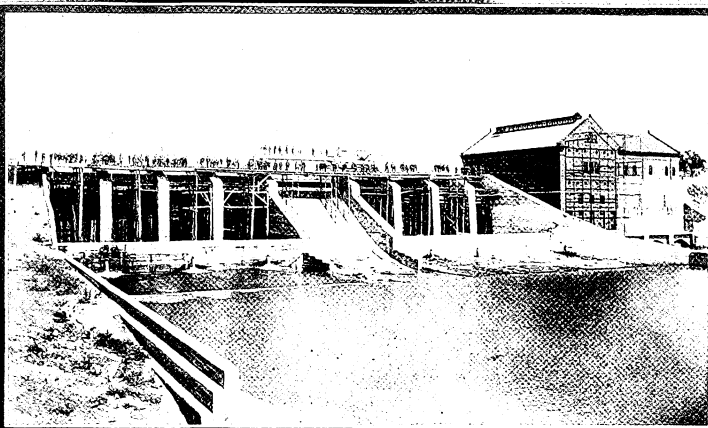
**Police Department**—The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners consists of five members, appointed by the Mayor for a term of five years, one member being appointed each year. The Mayor is a member ex-officio, but without the right to vote. Not more than three members shall be selected from any one political party. All the powers and duties connected with and incident to the government and discipline of the Police and Fire Departments of the city are vested in and exercised by this Board.

The Grand Rapids police department is housed in a substantial stone structure which it first occupied in July, 1891. The building cost \$54,000 and occupies a tract of ground at the corner of Crescent Ave. and Ottawa St.

In connection with the police department is the sealer of weights and measures and the pound master.

Harvey O. Carr has been superintendent for more than fourteen years.

There are in the department 124 men and women, including janitors,



BRIDGE AT MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CROTON DAM

inspectors, clerks, stenographers and matron.

(See City Officers and Fire Department.)

**Poor Farm**—Three miles southeast of the city limits; contains 146 acres; about 300 inmates; received \$2,847 from farm produce last year; \$14,401 expended last year; value of farm, including buildings, machinery, implements and tools, live stock, etc., \$62,145. Keeper of County Home, Wilmarth T. Shafer; County Superintendents of Poor:—V. H. Billings, Omar H. Provin, James S. Toland.

**Reading Rooms**—First Church of Christ, cor. Washington and Lafayette Sts.; Public Library and its branches; Bissell House; Ladies Literary Club; Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A.

**Real Estate Board**—The Real Estate Board was organized in 1893 and reorganized in 1900, and was composed entirely of active real estate agents until the spring of 1909, when the constitution and by-laws were reframed to permit of an associate membership composed of the principal real estate owners of the city, this membership to be without the voting privilege, but by financial and other assistance, as well as advice and influence, to help advance the real estate interests of the city.

At the time of this enlargement of the Board several committees were appointed in addition to the regular executive committee; a Municipal Affairs Committee, a Legislative Committee, an Industries Committee to work in connection with the Industrial Committee of the Board of Trade, a Data Committee to accumulate information from

all over the country valuable to the Board, and a Membership Committee.

The commission charged for selling property is 5 percent of the first \$2,500, and 2½ percent on all above that amount with a minimum charge of \$25. The by-laws provide for exclusive agency.

Annual meetings are held the first Monday in March of each year; monthly meetings the first Tuesday each month. Membership of 100. Annual dues, active and associate, \$2.00.

The present officers of the Board are:—President, Emerson W. Bliss; 1st Vice-President, Denton O. Sproat; 2nd Vice President, S. R. Fletcher; Secretary, J. Jay Wood; Treasurer, Willard A. Martindale.

**Reeds Lake**—An amusement park and a lake about 3½ miles from the center of Grand Rapids. 25 minute ride on Wealthy-Taylor, Wealthy-Scribner and Cherry-Shawmut cars. It presents a great variety of attractions including figure eight, miniature railway, vaudeville in Ramona Pavilion, circle swing, mystic chutes, steamers, cafe, etc.

**Rescue Mission, City**—Melvin E. Trotter, Supt.

Work started at 95 Canal Street, Feb. 17th, 1900, but soon outgrew the quarters and was compelled to move to 70-72 N. Market Street, with 750 sittings, and then people were often turned away for lack of room. In 1907 Smith's Opera House was purchased for \$47,500 and was dedicated Sept. 30, 1907. It has a seating capacity of 1,600.

The Mission is open every night during the year. At Christmas and Thanksgiving hundreds of baskets of provisions are distributed. The

jail and hospitals are regularly visited.

**Safe Deposit Companies**—Michigan Trust Company, \$5.00 per year up; Grand Rapids Savings Bank, \$3.00 per year up; Fourth National Bank, \$3.00 per year up; Commercial Savings Bank, \$2.50 per year up.

**Secret Societies**—The Masons are a large and powerful body. Others of prominence are: Elks; A. O. H.; G. A. R.; I. O. F.; I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias; Knights of Honor; Knights of Columbus; K. O. T. M. M.; L. O. T. M. M.; Modern Woodmen of America; Woodmen of the World; National Protective Legion; New Era Association; Order of Owls; Royal Neighbors of America.

**Shade Trees**—We have an unusual wealth of individual trees which were planted early in the history of our city and which have been cared for with great thoughtfulness and sympathy until they have reached types of beauty which give character to localities in our city. This is notably true of such instances as the Jordan elm on Cherry Street, the ash and the linden forming a group on Washington Street, the fine specimens of swamp oak near the foot of Fountain Street and numerous other examples.

Trees, the natural purifiers of the atmosphere, are to be found in Grand Rapids as perhaps in no other city of its size in the country. A view from any high point during the summer gives only glimpses of houses peeping out of a setting of emerald foliage. Every residence street has its shade trees. Grand Rapids is one great park. It is in

the greatest fruit belt of the Middle West.

**Sidewalks**—Sidewalks are built by the board of Public Works when ordered by the Common Council. Upon completion a bill of cost is turned over to the City Treasurer for collection. The third Monday in July, October and January of each year 10 per cent. is added to all bills remaining unpaid, and the same are made into a roll by the Board of Assessors, which after confirmation by the Council is sent to the Treasurer for collection. The Treasurer holds the roll 60 days, (unless time is extended by Common Council) and the roll then takes the same course as that provided for assessment rolls for special improvements.

**Smoke Prevention**—For the past two and a half years Grand Rapids has had a smoke inspector whose business it is to persuade owners of stacks to put in smoke consuming devices or to use coal which does not give a black smoke. So far no threats or arrests have been made, yet within the two years the number of offending stacks has been reduced over one-half.

The total number of stacks visited and recorded has been 339. Of these more than half, 188, have put in various devices or have begun the use of so-called smokeless coal, hard coal or coke. In the first year the percentage of smoke elimination was 69.8. In the second it was 80.4. Elimination 3rd year 86.1 per cent.

Number of stacks under observation 363. This includes all in town except about 50 small stacks which

have not been serious offenders.	
Number of stacks which have put in smoke consuming de- vices . . . . .	71
Number using Pocahontas coal . . . . .	84
Number using coke and hard coal . . . . .	9
Number supplied by central heating plant . . . . .	40

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In addition to these 21 have put in brick bridge walls as a temporary expedient. These reduce the amount of smoke somewhat.

Promises have been made that during the summer of 1910 devices will be installed in 48 stacks.

**South Grand Rapids**—South Grand Rapids embraces the district south of Burton Avenue and extending east to Madison Avenue and south to Alger. Its population is about 3,000. It has no separate government except for the fractional school district. The township of Wyoming covers that west of Division; Paris township that east of Division Street.

Cards were circulated some months ago to ascertain the attitude of the people toward annexation, but the sentiment seemed to be against it.

The population has more than doubled during the past five years. The available territory is practically covered. Very few men work in the vicinity, most of them working in town. Most of them are laboring men, although a few are business and professional men.

**St. Cecilia Society**—The St. Cecilia Society was organized in 1883 by Mrs. Ella M. Pierce. The St. Cecilia building, erected in 1893,

on Ransom Street, enjoys the distinction of being the only musical club house in the world to be built by women. The beautiful club house is a social as well as an artistic center, many functions of importance being held there besides the regular meetings and artist recitals which are an important feature of each year's work.

About 200 Active members; 300 Associate members; 50 students. 12 men are members.

President, Mrs. F. M. Davis; Vice Presidents Mrs. H. Parker Robinson, Mrs. Edward W. Tinkham Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. Webb Banister; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. D. Wallace Giddings; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert E. White.

**Street Railway**—Grand Rapids can boast of local car service that is fully the equal of its fine outside transportation facilities.

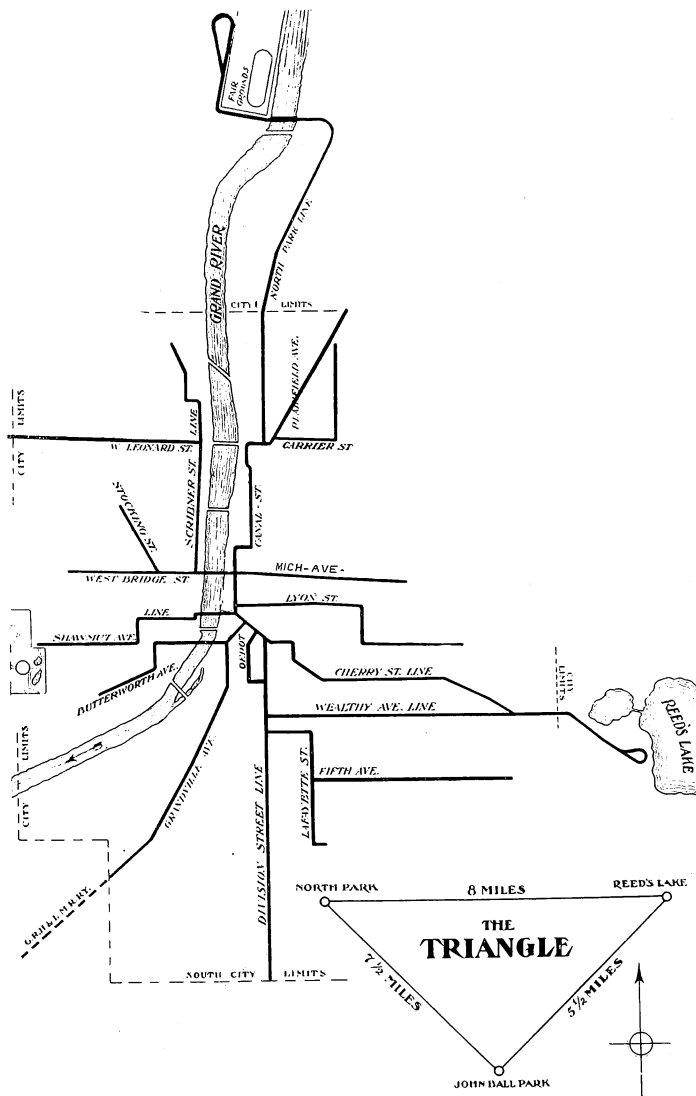
The first ordinance to provide for a street railway was passed by the council May 19, 1864. The first cars ran May 10, 1865. The company was known until 1900 as The Consolidated Street Railway Company. In 1900 the road was sold out and became The Grand Rapids Railway Company, its present title.

Shops at Hall St. barn. Office at 38 Ionia St.

Grand Rapids has 63.135 miles of street railway, offering a five minute service to its beautiful parks, cemeteries, the Michigan Soldiers Home, the West Michigan Fair Grounds, Reeds and Fisk Lakes, North Park on Grand River and all points of public interest. The power house is located on S. Market St. and has a capacity of 3900 Kilowatts. 129 cars and 476 employees.

Officers:—President and Gen.





THE STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM

Mgr., Benj. S. Hanchett, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Vice Pres., L. J. Rindge, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Vice Pres., C. M. Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.; Treasurer, G. L. Estabrook, Philadelphia, Pa.; Asst. Treas. and Secretary, L. J. DeLamar, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Superintendent, J. C. Madigan, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Asst. Supt., T. C. Roderick, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lines—Butterworth Avenue Line—From corner Monroe and Market south on Market to E. Fulton, thence west across Fulton St. bridge, on W. Fulton to Gold, south on Gold to Butterworth Ave., west on Butterworth Ave. to S. Lane Ave. Cars return same route.

Carrier Street Line—From corner Plainfield Ave. and Carrier east on Carrier to N. College Ave., north on N. College Ave. to Sweet St. entrance to Country Club. Cars return same route.

Cherry and Shawmut Avenue Line—From corner Wealthy and Lake Avenues, northwest on Lake Ave. to Cherry, west on Cherry to State, on State to Jefferson Ave., north on Jefferson Ave. to E. Fulton west on E. Fulton to Monroe, west on Monroe to Pearl, thence west across Pearl St. bridge to S. Front south on Front to Shawmut Ave., west on Shawmut to Straight, south on Straight to W. Fulton, west on W. Fulton to John Ball Park. Cars return same route. During the summer cars run to Ramona Pavilion, Reeds Lake.

Division and Plainfield Avenue Line—From corner S. Division and Burton Ave. north on S. Division to Monroe, west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Trowbridge, east on Trowbridge to N. Ottawa, north on N. Ottawa to Canal, north on Canal to E. Leonard, east on E.

Leonard to Plainfield Ave., northeast on Plainfield Ave. to Palmer Ave. Cars return same route.

Michigan Ave. and Lyon Street Line—From corner Michigan Ave. and N. Diamond west on Michigan Ave. to Canal, south on Canal to Lyon, east on Lyon to N. Union, south on N. Union to E. Fulton, east on E. Fulton to Fuller. Cars return same route.

Fifth Avenue and W. Leonard Street Line—From corner Fifth and Alto Aves. west on Fifth Ave. to S. Lafayette, north on S. Lafayette to First Ave., west on First Ave. to S. Division, north on S. Division to Monroe, west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Michigan Ave., thence west across Bridge St. bridge to Scribner, north on Scribner to W. Leonard, west on W. Leonard to city limits. Cars return same route.

Grandville Avenue and W. Bridge Street Line—From corner Grandville and Clyde Park Aves. northeast on Grandville Ave. to Ellsworth Ave., north on Ellsworth Ave. to N. Market, north on Market to Monroe, west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Michigan Ave., thence west across Bridge St. bridge on W. Bridge to Valley Ave. Cars return same route.

Lafayette and Stocking Street Line from corner S. East and Oakdale Ave. to Russell Ave., north on Russell Ave. and across Oakhill Cemetery to Hall, west on Hall to S. Lafayette, north on Lafayette to First Ave., west on First Ave. to S. Division, north on Division to Monroe, west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Michigan Ave., thence west across Bridge St. bridge on W. Bridge to Stocking, northwest on Stocking to 7th St. Cars return same route.

Wealthy Avenue and Scribner Street Line—From corner Wealthy and Eureka Aves. on Wealthy Ave. to S. Division, north on S. Division to Cherry, west on Cherry to Ionia, north on Ionia to Monroe west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Michigan Ave., thence west across Bridge St. bridge to Scribner, north on Scribner to Webster, west on Webster to Broadway, north on Broadway to Fuller Station. Cars return same route. During the summer cars run through to Ramona Pavilion, Reeds Lake.

Wealthy Avenue and Taylor St. Line—From Ramona Pavilion, Reeds Lake, on Michigan Ave. to Wealthy Ave., west on Wealthy Ave. to S. Division, north on S. Division to Monroe, west on Monroe to Canal, north on Canal to Trowbridge, east on Trowbridge to N. Ottawa, north on Ottawa to Canal, north on Canal to E. Leonard, east on Leonard to Taylor, north on Taylor to Michigan Soldiers Home and North Park, thence across Grand River to the Fair Grounds and Comstock Park. Cars return same route.

**Street Sprinkling**—160 miles of street covered by ward wagons. 26 miles of street covered by sprinkling cars.

32 wagons. 2 cars.

**Street Widening**—Several of the chief business streets of Grand Rapids, those destined to be the chief traffic carriers of the future, are too narrow to provide for the traffic they will be called upon to bear. (See City Plan Map for these streets) The City Plan Commission therefore recommended that they be gradually widened, to approximate 100 feet,

during the coming years by having all new buildings erected along them set back. This method would accomplish the purpose at a minimum of expense, as no tearing down of buildings at public expense would be necessary. Such expense will be necessary, however, if the city waits until the improvement is urgently needed and then has to make it in a short time.

**Taxes**—By charter provision the Common Council may levy a tax not exceeding 2 mills on a dollar in any one year to apply on the principal of the bonded indebtedness.

By charter provision the Common Council may not levy a tax exceeding 1 per cent. of assessed valuation except for the purpose of paying the principal or interest or both of bonded indebtedness.

The following table was prepared at the instance of Mayor Ellis to show how the taxes are divided. The figures are based on the 1908 budget which amounted to \$1,570, 821.00.

State	-	-	-	-	13
County	-	-	-	-	8
School	-	-	-	-	26
Fire	-	-	-	-	11
Police	-	-	-	-	8
Parks	-	-	-	-	2.5
Library and Museum	-	-	-	-	2.5
Bridge, Water and Light	-	-	-	-	6
Streets and Sewers	-	-	-	-	6
Poor	-	-	-	-	2
Health	-	-	-	-	6
Sinking Fund	-	-	-	-	3
General	-	-	-	-	6
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## HOW TAXES HAVE GROWN

Years	Valuation	City Budget and Delinquent Tax	Rate Per \$1,000	State, County and		Total Rate Per \$1,000
				School Tax	Rate Per \$1,000	
1900	\$43,264,021	\$435,444.13	\$10.067	\$447,950.25	\$10.354	\$20.421
1901	59,956,729	452,095.62	7.540	586,823.52	9.788	17.318
1902	70,524,491	476,671.22	6.759	512,029.01	7.177	13.926
1903	72,348,811	442,983.25	6.121	636,355.01	8.795	14.937
1904	73,935,600	530,515.89	7.175	602,826.68	8.154	15.319
1905	74,507,026	587,639.98	7.887	620,629.56	8.330	16.227
1906	77,036,000	751,262.04	9.752	555,066.04	7.205	16.957
1907	78,834,500	643,550.81	8.164	609,496.96	7.730	15.894
1908	80,046,002	1,120,972.57	15.503	329,719.60	4.120	19.623
1909	83,528,700	1,181,262.57	14.142	437,474.65	5.237	19.379
1910	85,324,200	1,344,760.07	15.726			

\*Beginning in 1908 the School Tax was taken from the State and added to the City budget.

**Telegraph Offices**—Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., 27 Monroe St. Citizens 4315, Bell Main 66. Branches:—Michigan Trust Bldg., Ottawa St., Hawkins Bldg., South Ionia Street.

United Wireless Telegraph Co., 3rd Floor of Press Building, Citizens Telephone 6316, Bell 9467.

Western Union Telegraph Co., 13 Canal St., Citizens 4328, Bell M 486 and 586. Branches:—Murray Bldg., N. Division St.; Gunn Bldg., 5-7 S. Ionia St.; Houseman Bldg., Ottawa St.; Union Depot, So. Ionia Street.

**Telephones**—Citizens Telephone Co., foot of Louis St.; 10,000 subscribers.

Michigan State Telephone Co., Cor. Fountain & N. Ionia St.; 6,700 subscribers.

**Theaters**—Few in number but usually have a large patronage. The season begins late in August and continues till May or June, when Ramona Pavilion opens. Garrick, (formerly the Grand) Canal St.; Majestic—28 N. Division St.; popular prices; plays change on Sundays and Thursdays; Powers,

59 Pearl St.; Temple, N. Market St., Vaudeville, change every Monday.

**Tower Lights**—There are 39 tower lights in Grand Rapids, 150 feet high. Erected in 1891-1892 by the Star Iron Tower Co., Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**Trades and Labor Council**—The Trades and Labor Council is composed of five delegates from each union in the city. It is the executive body of the unions. The Council elects its officers from its own membership.

Trades and Labor Council Hall, 69 Canal Street.

Officers:—President, William B. Wilson, 269 S. Front St.; Vice President, James Murphy.; Secretary Robert Taylor; Financial Secretary, Christian Ter Meer; Trustees:—Joseph Van Tongeren, Henry J. Klevorn, H. A. Sinclair; Master-at-Arms, Wm. Gains.

**Union Station**—South Ionia St. Built of buff pressed brick and steel. Owned by Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway. Large steel train shed. It

is used by the Grand Rapids & Indiana, Pere Marquette and Michigan Central Railroads. The building is an unusually handsome structure designed by Daniel H. Burnham, the great Chicago architect who has drawn or co-operated in drawing up city plans for Washington, Chicago, Cleveland, San Francisco, Manila and other cities. At present it is without an adequate approach so its effect as the gateway of the city is lost. The City Plan Report advises the creation of a plaza before the station which will remedy this defect.

**Water Power**—In the very center of the network of streams that course through western Michigan to the lake, Grand Rapids is situated where she will receive the fullest possible benefit from waterpower. With the general reversion to nature's own cheap power Grand Rapids is in the vanguard of beneficiaries and the turbine and high tension transmission promises within a few years to mark the local doom of the steam engine and place the Furniture City in a class by itself as a manufacturing community.

The Edison Light Company was the first to go outside of Grand Rapids to find water power and to bring a high tension current here for commercial usage. The concern was later merged in the Grand Rapids-Muskegon Power Company. There is now in process of formation another power company composed of firms which own the power rights of Grand Rapids within the city limits.

**Water Rates**—Water rates are payable quarterly in advance, at the office of the City Treasurer. Collections are made by districts.

If bills are not paid when due, the

water is cut off and the debt becomes a lien on the property.

When a street is ordered paved with a permanent pavement, the Board of Public Works may order water service laid in the street to lot lines, and if not done by property owners, it may do the work and file a bill for collection with the City Treasurer. If not paid, the bill is included in the next roll for sidewalks and nuisances and takes the same course.

**Weather Bureau**—Office in the Michigan Trust Bldg.; C. F. Schneider, section director. Daily observations of the weather are made and recorded, and a weather map and forecast are issued each morning, except Sunday.

**West Michigan State Fair**—The first "West Michigan State Fair" was held in the fall of 1902.

West Michigan State Fairs have always been held at Comstock Park.

The fair grounds were a free gift of Hon. C. C. Comstock to the Western Michigan Agricultural and Industrial Society about twenty years ago.

The West Michigan State Fair is organized under the laws of Michigan and has been favored with appropriations by the Legislature of the state in amount \$5,000 for the three years 1907, 1908 and 1909.

The revenue for the year 1908 was \$45,554.75 including the \$5,000 from the state. The operating and maintenance expenses of the fair for the year were \$34,568.72. In addition to operating expenses the association paid in 1908 a debt of \$11,750.00 from the previous year,

and made improvements to buildings and grounds to the amount of \$4,887.55.

Comstock Park now contains 112 acres. Of this 90 acres was the gift of Mr. Comstock and 22 acres were purchased in the fall of 1907. The value of the buildings and improvements is estimated at \$50,000.

The officers of the fair are chosen at the annual meetings of the members of the Association held on the third Tuesday of January in each year.

The present officers are:—President, Wm. H. Anderson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Vice President, Lester J. Rindge, Grand Rapids, Mich., Chas. J. Monroe, South Haven, Mich., Wm. L. Curtis, Petoskey, Mich.; Treasurer, Robert D. Graham, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Secretary, Eugene D. Conger, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The membership fee is \$1.00 a year, and is open to any one west of the meridian line of Michigan.

**Women's Organizations**—The Ladies' Literary Club is the oldest of its kind in the city. It was founded by Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, of Kalamazoo. Established in 1873 and Mrs. L. D. Putnam made its president.

The pleasant and commodious clubhouse on Sheldon street is used by many smaller clubs and is rented for various purposes, besides being often given rent free by the club for charitable uses.

President, Mrs. Frank G. Worth; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lulu M. Savidge; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank M. Byam; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Z. Caution.

West Side Club was organized in 1875. Mrs. James E. Furman

presented the building on Scribner street in 1902.

The Grand Rapids Woman's Club is one of the four local organizations to own a club house. It is located on Cass Avenue and was built in 1897. The club was organized in 1890. The present membership is about 200.

Burton Heights Club was organized by a number of progressive women of the south end in 1902. Has many interesting meetings during the year.

St. Cecilia Society. [See St. Cecilia Society].

Among the Women's Clubs of the city are:—

East Side Literary Club, meets every Tuesday at Woodman Hall, 662 Wealthy Avenue. President, Mrs. F. R. Jean; Secretary, Miss Lillian Brennan; Treasurer, Mrs. Harvey Hall.

Froebel Club, meets every Monday at Kindergarten Association rooms, Shepard Bldg. President, Mrs. G. C. Schroeder, 191 Scribner street.

Grand Rapids Federation of Woman's Clubs, meets third Thursday of each month at 49 Sheldon street. President, Mrs. Aletha Motley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Etta M. Van Norman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. Schoonfield, 166 Broadway.

Grand Rapids Woman's Club, meets every Tuesday afternoon at club house, 493 Cass Avenue. President, Mrs. Nora Hughes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Emerson, 380 Cass Avenue.

Igdrasil Club, meets second, fourth and fifth Thursday of month. President, Mrs. A. N. Greene; Sec-

retary, Mrs. A. W. Hornung, 95 Fairbanks street.

Ladies' Home Circle, meets second Tuesday of May, August, November and February at Holland Home, 345 Michigan Avenue. Secretary, Mrs. A. DeVree, 42 Dwight Avenue.

West Side Ladies' Literary Club, meets every Saturday in club rooms, 54 Scribner street. President, Frances C. Van Buren; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harley N. Baker, 52 Scribner street; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Calmer; Treasurer, Mrs. Sadie Brown.

Women's University Club—Admission requirements same as those of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Membership 117. The club brings to Grand Rapids many prominent men and women to lecture on subjects of general interest.

President, Mrs. Willard F. Keeney; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. C. Rickenbaugh and Miss Alice James; Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Motley; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ethelberta Williams; Treasurer, Miss Maude Thayer.

Burton Heights Literary Club—Pres., Mrs. Louis Prager; Sec'y, Mrs. Katherine Kelly 883 Stewart Avenue.

**Young Men's Christian Association**—Cor. Pearl and Ionia Streets.

The local Young Men's Christian Association, like all great movements, started with a meager beginning. The Young men banded themselves together for christian service. They had no equipment, no rooms, no paid secretaries. They went to work among their fellows with the

material they had. The result has eclipsed their most sanguine hopes. Today the association is spending \$20,000 a year in current expenses, has a four story building and equipment to match and a building for the railroad men also. It has eight paid secretaries, a membership of 1,200, a gymnasium with 500 men enrolled and a night school with 235 students.

**Young Women's Christian Association**—Organized May 16, 1900. Located at 23 Fountain Street.

Cafe in connection which is open from 11:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., 5:45 to 7 P. M. Sunday excepted. 1,300 members, \$1.00 membership fee

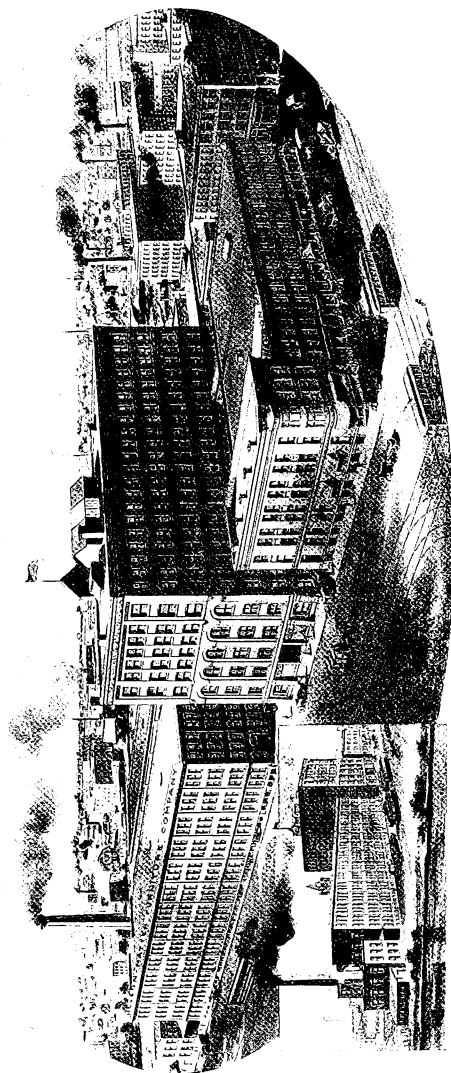
The reading and rest rooms are supplied with couches, easy chairs, books and magazines, and offer quiet and rest to all young women.

The Association wishes to be of assistance to women desiring employment and to persons in need of help.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 a vesper service is held, lasting one hour. At the close of the service tea is served, whereby an opportunity is given to welcome strangers and promote better acquaintance.

The only qualification for membership is good moral character.

Pres. Mrs. J. C. Rickenbaugh; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Nanclen Lenson, Mrs. Augustus Marsh, Dr. Wm. M. Baker, Mrs. Thomas D. Perry, Mrs. J. Rowland Clark; Recording Secretary, Adah C. Canfield; Treasurer, Miss Fanny Boltwood; General Secretary, Miss Beth M. Fay.



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